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AIADMK, BJP seal deal for 2026 election in T.N.

Amit Shah says AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami will lead the alliance and the NDA will form a 'coalition government'; Modi welcomes ally; Nainar Nagenthran set to lead BJP in State

N. Sai Charan
CHENNAI

A full year ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly election, the AIADMK and the BJP revived their electoral ties on Friday, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah declaring that a "coalition government" would be formed after the election.

Addressing a press conference, he reiterated that the 2026 election would be fought under the leadership of AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami.

The key issues in the upcoming election will be the ruling "DMK's corruption, law and order issues, and attacks on Dalits and women," Mr. Shah said, claiming that the ruling party was highlighting contentious issues such as Sanatana dharma, delimitation, NEET, and the three-language education policy to divert people's attention.

"We [the AIADMK and the BJP] will sit and discuss, and if required, there will be a common minimum programme... We will go in the midst of the people by taking their real issues. I believe that people of Tamil Nadu are aware of the real issues and they will seek answers from the DMK government," Mr. Shah said.

Shortly before the much-delayed press conference, the BJP initiated steps for a smooth transition in its State unit. Nainar Nagenthran, who was the only person to file his nomination for the post of State unit president, was set to take over the reins from K. Annamalai, who had galvanised the party to a significant extent.

Mr. Nagenthran's elevation is expected to facilitate better relations with the AIADMK, which had walked out of the NDA in September 2023, accusing the BJP State leadership of slandering its icons. Mr. Nagenthran, a former AIADMK Minister, had joined the BJP in 2017.

Later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to X to welcome the AIADMK to the "NDA (National Democratic Alliance) family".

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K.P. Munusamy, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Amit Shah, K. Annamalai, and Nainar Nagenthran in Chennai on Friday. R. RAVINDRAN

NEARBY

Minimum wage in State increases

BENGALURU
The State government on Friday notified minimum wages, proposing the monthly range from ₹19,319.36 for unskilled labourers in zone 3 to a maximum of ₹34,225.42 for highly skilled employees in thermal stations. » PAGE 5

Yellow Line: Partial opening by June

BENGALURU
The Yellow Line of Namma Metro will begin limited operations by June, if all permissions are secured, said Maheshwar Rao, MD, BMRCL. Full-scale operations are likely between August and September. » PAGE 2

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China imposes 125% tariff on U.S. goods

Tit-for-tat

April 2: As part of 'Liberation day', Trump imposed an additional 34% tariff on all Chinese imports, **bringing the total to 54%**

April 4: China responded with an **additional 34%** tariff on all U.S. products

April 7: Trump retaliated with **50% more tariff,** raising total tariffs on Chinese imports to 104%

April 9: China retaliated with an additional 50% tariff, raising **total tariffs on U.S. imports to 84%**

April 9: Trump once again raised the **total tariffs on Chinese imports to 145%**

April 11: China responded by hiking its total tariffs on U.S. imports to 125%

Reuters
BEIJING

China, on Friday, continued its tit-for-tat move against the Trump administration's tariffs by hiking its levies on imports from the U.S. to 125% against duties of 145% by America even as it evinced interest in dialogue with Washington to resolve the impasse.

China's Customs Tariff Commission said, "Even if the U.S. imposes higher tariffs, it would no longer make economic sense and ultimately go down as a joke in world economic history." "Given that it's already impossible for the Chinese market to accept U.S. imports at the current tariff level, if the United States imposes further tariffs on Chinese products, China will ignore it," it said.

Yet, should the U.S. persist in substantially undermining China's interests, Beijing will take firm countermeasures, it added.

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Jaishankar calls for swift deals with the West

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The U.S.'s recent tariffs have "focused our minds on the need for correcting a certain skewed nature of our openness to the global economy", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday, calling for growing partnerships with Western economies in engaging in free trade.

"I'd argue, we have an opportunity today... if we can focus on these three big [free trade agreement] negotiations, with the U.S., the European Union and the U.K., if these work out for us this year, we'd be in a different situation." India is "geared up for a high degree of urgency" in sealing the deals, he said.

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Cabinet accepts caste census report; discussion at next meeting

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly a decade after the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes completed the Socio-economic and Educational Survey (caste census) of families in the State, the Cabinet on Friday accepted the report – running into 50 volumes – which will now be discussed in detail at the special Cabinet meeting on April 17.

The report is derived out of the data collected during the survey conducted by the commission headed by H. Kantharaj in 2015, at a cost of ₹192 crore, but submitted by his successor K. Jayaprakash Hegde in 2024, was opened at the Cabinet meeting.

Ministers' demand

"Some Ministers wanted to see the recommendation in the report before the discussion. The survey that was submitted today will be discussed on April 17," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told presspersons after the Cabinet meeting.

Multiple sources confirmed that Ministers belonging to the Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities, which are opposed to the survey and have termed it "unscientific", cautioned the Chief Minister not to be in a hurry to approve the report. The Ministers are learnt to have reminded the Chief Minister of the political ramifications of the report becoming public without discussion and urged him to take all communities into confidence. The Ministers also asked for the report/recommendations before a discussion could take place, it is learnt, following which, the Chief Minister said that the copies would be circulated among the Ministers.

Minister for Backward Classes Shivaraj Tangadagi told presspersons during the post-Cabinet briefing that there was no opposition to the report being submitted and the decision to discuss in the next Cabinet was unanimous.

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About the caste census report

- Size of the report: **50 volumes**
- Castes and subcastes counted: **1,351**
- What it contains: Outcome of the survey, caste-wise population, **eight volumes of characteristics of castes, separate volumes each of characteristics of SCs and STs**, Legislative Assembly-wise caste break-up data, 30 volumes of district-wise and taluk-wise data
- How many enumerated: **94.17%** or about **5.98 crore** of the projected population of **6.35 crore** in 2015
- How many remained outside: Around **37 lakh** people
- How many enumerators: Around **1.8 lakh** officials, including about **1.33 lakh** enumerators.

Gig workers' Bill cleared

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, was cleared by the State Cabinet on Friday. The government is expected to implement the welfare provisions through an Ordinance. The Bill proposes a welfare fee of 1%-5% of the payout to the worker during each transaction. The sum will go to the welfare fund for workers.

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Industrial output growth slows to 2.9% in Feb.

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew at its slowest rate in six months, clocking a pace of 2.9% in February, dragged down by decelerating growth across all sectors, according to data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The IIP's growth rate came in much lower than the 4% estimated by Reuters.

"A combination of high base effects along with a slowing growth in mining and manufacturing sectors led to the growth falling in February 2025," said Paras Jasrai, associate director at India Ratings and Research.

Mining sector growth slowed to 1.6% in February, as against 8.1% in the same month of the previous year. Manufacturing sector grew at a pace of 2.9%, as against 4.9% in the year ago period. Electricity production dipped to 3.6% this February, from 7.6% a year ago.

According to use-based classification, barring capital goods, all goods categories registered a slower output growth in February 2025, compared to the same month last year. Capital goods output grew the fastest at 8.2%, as against 1.7% in the corresponding period last year.

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Slackening growth

India's industrial production growth decelerated to a six-month low of 2.9 per cent in February 2025

The chart shows India's rate of production growth as per the IIP from March 2024 to February 2025

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Transfer window shopping: why Alexander Isak is the dream – and will likely remain just that

The 25-year-old striker is coveted by Europe's big clubs for his ability to terrorise top defences and decide matches with moments of individual brilliance. But Newcastle doesn't want to sell. And given its likelihood of making the Champions League and the length of Isak's contract, the club has a strong hand

GETTY IMAGES

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

In the summer of 2022, Newcastle forward Callum Wilson injured his hamstring, setting in motion a sequence of events that has culminated in Alexander Isak transforming into one of the most sought-after players in world football.

Newcastle's controversial Saudi Arabia-led takeover in 2021, with the Public Investment Fund buying the club in a deal worth just over £300 million, meant it could target players it hadn't previously. When a football team is bankrolled by the world's richest ownership, there is – as then Newcastle sporting director Dan Ashworth said – "no ceiling" on its potential.

But the club was reportedly unsure about recruiting Isak. Although the Swedish striker looked to have all the physical attributes elite centre-forwards typically possess – speed, power, ball-striking – his numbers in the Spanish top flight weren't off the charts. Given his return of just six goals in 32 games for Real Sociedad in 2021-22, there was a feeling that he was not ready for a top-level move, especially at the £60 million price-tag the La Liga club was quoting.

> From within the club and from our side there are absolutely no [contract] discussions. I'm not thinking about the future. I just want to perform for Newcastle
>
> **ALEXANDER ISAK**

Trajectory-altering move

But Wilson's injury changed Newcastle's thinking and seemingly forced its hand – the club shattered its transfer record in August 2022. The rest is history. Isak has developed over the last three years into Tyneside's crown jewel: a stunningly complete No. 9 with a love for big games, capable of terrorising defences and deciding matches with moments of individual brilliance.

The 6'3" sharpshooter recently helped Newcastle win its first major domestic trophy in 70 years, scoring what turned out to be the match-winner in the 2-1 victory over Liverpool in the League Cup final at Wembley. His superb drilled first-time finish ensured that a club that had endured five relegations to the second tier since its last trophy finally had a moment to celebrate.

Indeed, Isak's exploits have even led to suggestions that Newcastle is a one-man team. When this view was put to Magpies manager Eddie Howe, he didn't agree. But he did talk up his star attacker's value to the side. "We recognise Alex's strengths and his abilities," said Howe. "I don't think we are a one-man team, I will never classify us in that bracket, but Alex brings unique qualities in that centre-forward role, in that pivotal middle role that we need."

The numbers certainly highlight Isak's importance to Newcastle. Of the top 10 goal scorers in Europe's top five leagues this season, no player has a higher share of his team's goals. Both Mohamed Salah and Isak account for 38% of their side's goals. Both their contributions have been influential. Salah is having a historic season, powering Liverpool's title charge, while Isak has Newcastle in the reckoning for a spot in next season's Champions League.

Isak's brace against Nottingham Forest in February saw him reach 50 Premier League goals in 76 games. Only six players, headed by Haaland, have joined the 50-goal club in fewer games. Earlier this month, a typically predatory strike in a 2-1 win over Brentford helped Isak bring up his 20th league goal of the season, the second season in a row he has reached this milestone.

Isak's acceleration, dribbling and finishing are elite, he has sharpened his movement in the six-yard box and, as per FBref.com, he is in Europe's top 4% over the last year for goal-creating actions. And yet for all his success in England, especially over the last two seasons, it still doesn't feel like he has unlocked his full potential.

On the wish-list

So it's no surprise that Europe's heavyweights are monitoring the 25-year-old's situation at Newcastle, aware that if they can secure his peak years, they will be well positioned to win the biggest trophies. He is, in many ways, the dream signing: the one that makes a team inevitable.

Liverpool and Arsenal are the clubs with the strongest reported links, while Chelsea and Barcelona have not hidden their admiration for the silken-skilled marksman.

> Alex is a different player to anyone that we have. I think he brings a different dimension, which is a really good asset for us to have
>
> **EDDIE HOWE**
> Newcastle manager

Liverpool and Arsenal, who boast two of the best centre-back pairings in club football, have experienced first-hand the threat Isak carries and the chaos he creates. When defenders of the quality of Virgil van Dijk, Ibrahima Konate, William Saliba and Gabriel Magalhaes suffer moments of uncertainty, you know this is a No. 9 worth breaking the bank for.

Isak has always attracted the top clubs. Born in a Stockholm suburb to Eritrean parents, he became Sweden's youngest international goal-scorer at 17 years and 113 days. During a sparkling debut season at Swedish side AIK in 2016, representatives from 90 European clubs turned up at the ground to watch him play. But while he was certainly available – not to mention affordable – back then, the situation is significantly different now.

Newcastle, understandably, does not want to lose Isak – he is both cult hero and talisman, a point of difference and a profile extremely difficult to replace. When the Tyneside club had to sell last season to ensure it complied with the Premier League's Profit and Sustainability Rules (PSR), winger Anthony Gordon and central midfielder Bruno Guimaraes were players it reluctantly considered cashing in on. Isak was deemed untouchable.

No cause for panic

Significantly, Newcastle also has an extremely strong hand. Isak's six-year contract runs until June 30, 2028. While the club wants to tie him down with an extension this summer, there is no cause for panic even if an agreement isn't reached. It's also unlikely that the Swede will agitate for a move if the club secures Champions League football with a top-five finish. Newcastle is currently fifth and, with a game in hand and Isak firing, will back itself to make the cut.

Isak said last month that he is not in negotiations with Newcastle over a new contract, sparking speculation that he was waiting to see whether the club got into Europe's top competition before committing his future. But even if Newcastle doesn't finish in the top five, the price point at which it will even begin to consider answering an interested club's call is likely to be prohibitive.

There were reports that a fee of £150 million was the minimum, but even a price of £120-130 million can torpedo the transfer budgets of most clubs in a PSR world. The transfer window is known as the silly season, with unreasonable sums having been spent on jaw-dropping moves in the past. But the likelihood of Newcastle not finishing in the top five, Isak pushing to leave and a buying club reaching an agreement with the Magpies appears remote at the moment.

ALAN SHEARER

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	10,330	16
2	Alexander Zverev	27	7,645	22
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	6,720	18
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,290	22
5	Novak Djokovic	37	4,510	19
6	Jack Draper	23	3,780	20
7	Casper Ruud	26	3,765	24
8	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,445	23
9	Andrey Rublev	27	3,440	28
10	Alex de Minaur	26	3,335	23
11	Daniil Medvedev	29	3,290	20
12	Holger Rune	21	3,270	23
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,160	21
14	Ben Shelton	22	2,690	23
15	Arthur Fils	20	2,670	23

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 144 ▼ 7 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 458 ▼ 3 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	10,541	20
2	Iga Swiatek	23	7,470	17
3	Jessica Pegula	31	6,101	18
4	Coco Gauff	21	6,063	21
5	Madison Keys	30	4,999	19
6	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,843	18
7	Mirra Andreeva	17	4,775	18
8	Qinwen Zheng	22	4,243	20
9	Paula Badosa	27	3,821	22
10	Elena Rybakina	25	3,808	19
11	Emma Navarro	23	3,797	25
12	Karolina Muchova	28	2,919	17
13	Diana Shnaider	21	2,913	28
14	Daria Kasatkina	27	2,741	24
15	Barbora Krejcikova	29	2,675	15

Top Indians ▶

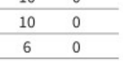
Ankita Raina
Rank 304 ▼ 4 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 316 ▲▼ No change

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Lando Norris	McLaren	62	1
2	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	61	1
3	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	49	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	45	0
5	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	30	0
6	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	20	0
7	Alexander Albon	Williams	18	0
8	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	15	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Haas	10	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	10	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Sauber	6	0
12	Oliver Bearman	Haas	5	0
13	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	4	0
14	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull	3	0
15	Carlos Sainz	Williams	1	0
16	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	0	0
17	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	0	0
18	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	0	0
19	Jack Doohan	Alpine	0	0
20	Gabriel Bortoleto	Sauber	0	0

Lando Norris



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F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	111	2
2	Mercedes	75	0
3	Red Bull	61	1
4	Ferrari	35	0
5	Williams	19	0
6	Haas	15	0
7	Aston Martin	10	0
8	RB	7	0
9	Kick Sauber	6	0
10	Alpine	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,01,235	13
2	Anders Antonsen	91,853	20
3	Viktor Axelsen	89,710	14
4	Jonatan Christie	86,727	16
5	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	83,738	17
6	Li Shi Feng	83,456	18
7	Kodai Naraoka	77,187	20
8	Lee Zii Jia	76,415	15
9	Chou Tien Chen	76,157	24
10	Alex Lanier	66,511	17
11	Weng Hong Yang	61,767	16
12	Kenta Nishimoto	60,043	22
13	Lin Chun-Yi	59,460	19
14	Chia Hao Lee	58,458	21
15	Koki Watanabe	58,324	14

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 16

H. S. Prannoy
Rank 29

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,12,867	12
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,03,895	18
3	Han Yue	82,109	19
4	Akane Yamaguchi	79,967	12
5	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	79,262	17
6	Pornpawee Chochuwong	70,778	22
7	Tomoka Miyazaki	68,271	20
8	Chen Yu Fei	68,082	9
9	Supanida Katethong	66,614	16
10	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	62,460	18
11	Putri Kusuma Wardani	61,627	18
12	Yeo Jia Min	61,583	18
13	Ratchanok Intanon	60,213	20
14	Beiwen Zhang	58,176	15
15	Gao Fang Jie	55,650	12

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 17

Malvika Bansod
Rank 22

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	895	932
2	Harry Brook	876	898
3	Kane Williamson	867	919
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	847	854
5	Steve Smith	823	947
6	Temba Bavuma	769	769
7	Kamindu Mendis	761	779
8	Travis Head	748	884
9	Usman Khawaja	739	847
9	Rishabh Pant	739	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	908	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	837	902
3	Pat Cummins	824	914
4	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
5	Nathan Lyon	812	812
6	Noman Ali	806	806
7	Marco Jansen	785	803
8	Matt Henry	782	782
9	Prabath Jayasuriya	751	801
10	Ravindra Jadeja	745	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	784	847
2	Babar Azam	766	898
3	Rohit Sharma	756	882
4	Heinrich Klaasen	744	760
5	Virat Kohli	736	909
6	Daryl Mitchell	720	750
7	Harry Tector	713	767
8	Shreyas Iyer	704	710
9	Charith Asalanka	694	694
10	Ibrahim Zadran	676	693

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Maheesh Theekshana	680	686
2	Kuldeep Yadav	650	761
3	Keshav Maharaj	648	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	644	648
5	Rashid Khan	640	799
6	Mitchell Santner	637	657
7	Gudakesh Motie	632	639
8	Matt Henry	622	691
9	Ravindra Jadeja	616	733
10	Adam Zampa	614	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	856	885
2	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
3	Philip Salt	815	881
4	Tilak Varma	804	845
5	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
6	Jos Buttler	735	756
7	Pathum Nissanka	714	722
8	Babar Azam	688	900
9	Mohammad Rizwan	681	882
10	Kusal Perera	676	786

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jacob Duffy	723	723
2	Akeal Hosein	707	714
3	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
4	Adil Rashid	705	747
5	Wanindu Hasaranga	700	809
6	Adam Zampa	694	746
7	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
8	Maheesh Theekshana	666	686
9	Rashid Khan	664	828
10	Arshdeep Singh	653	679

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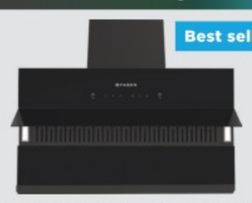

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Three held for cheating private bank of ₹1.3 crore

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BENGALURU

The East Division Cybercrime police arrested three persons for allegedly posing as police officials, forging a court order to defreeze bank accounts to get ₹1.3 crore from a private bank.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused through the account number in which the money was transferred and arrested two accused from West Delhi, before arresting the third accused and the kingpin from Rajasthan.

This incident also exposed the loopholes in the system and a new form of cyber fraud. According to the officials, the accused sent an email to the nodal mail ID of a private bank through a fake email ID, attaching 18 "court orders" issued from September last year to February this year, seeking the release of the amount from the accounts that were involved in cybercrimes. The police tracked down the accused based on the money trail.

Yellow Line of Namma Metro likely to begin limited operations by June

The 19.15 km line, stretching from R.V. Road to Bommasandra, has been structurally complete for several months

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Commencement of operations on the Yellow Line is expected to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity to key corporate hubs like Infosys and Biocon. FILE PHOTO

The much-awaited Yellow Line of Namma Metro will begin limited operations by June 2025, provided all necessary permissions are secured, said Maheshwar Rao, Managing Director of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). Full-scale operations are likely between August and September, once all train sets are received.

Speaking at the launch of the "STAMP: Nudging Commuter Behaviour" initiative held in Electronics City on Friday, Mr. Rao said, "Once the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) gives the nod and the train sets are available, operations will begin. We are currently waiting for the third train to be dispatched and expect clarity on that by the end of this month."

The 19.15 km Yellow Line, stretching from R.V. Road to Bommasandra, has been structurally complete for several months. However, its launch has been delayed primarily due to the late arrival of driverless metro trains. The first batch of six coaches, manufactured in China, arrived at the Hebbagodi depot on February 14 this year. Mr. Rao added that BMRCL plans to start operations with three train sets. "We'll get some clarity by the end of the month or after the third train set arrives. Operations will begin once we have that in place," he said.

Commencement of operations on the line is expected to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity to key corporate hubs like Infosys and Biocon. The Yellow Line will have 16 fully elevated stations and serve as an important link, connecting the Green Line at R.V. Road and the upcoming Pink Line at Jayadeva Hospital Station.

BMRCL, along with the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), the Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA), Toyota Mobility Foundation (TMF), and WRI India, launched the "STAMP: Nudging Commuter Behaviour" initiative for companies in Electronics City.

The programme aims to encourage people to switch from personal vehicles to public transport using behavioural science and technology. The Station Access and Mobility Programme (STAMP), spearheaded by TMF and WRI India, has been active in Bengaluru since 2017 and has now expanded to six cities, including Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, and Delhi. According to a press release, STAMP has enabled over 50,000 last-mile metro trips and helped save 240,000 passenger minutes.

"As Bengaluru's metro network expands with the upcoming Yellow Line, we anticipate significantly easing congestion by shifting thousands of vehicles off roads each hour," Mr. Rao said. "We invite companies in Electronics City to actively incentivize their employees to adopt public transportation. We also encourage organizations to propose innovative mobility solutions tailored to their commuting needs.

From Page One

Cabinet accepts caste census report; discussion at next meeting

The 50 volumes, the Minister said, included the outcome of the survey report, one volume of caste-wise population, eight volumes of characteristics of castes (barring Scheduled Castes-SC/ Scheduled Tribes-ST), one volume each of characteristics of SCs and STs, Legislative Assembly-wise caste break-up of data and 30 volumes of district-wise and taluk-wise data.

As many as 1,351 castes and subcastes had been enumerated in the report.

According to him, 94.17 % or about 5.98 crore of the projected population of 6.35 crore in 2015 (population of Karnataka was pegged at 6.11 crore during 2011 census) in the State had been covered. "Only about 37 lakh persons remained outside the survey. A total of 1.8 lakh officials, including about 1.33 lakh enumerators, took part in the survey. As many as 54 parameters had been set for data collection," he added.

Asked about the population that had been left out – a major objection from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat and Vokkaliga communities – Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said, "This (survey) is a very big and successful one. Even in census, about 3% of the population does not get covered."

Make Kannada teaching simple for students to develop interest: Bilimale

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Purushothama Bilimale, the chairman of Kannada Development Authority, said that teachers of Kannada need to develop skills to teach the language in tune with the contemporary requirements.

He was speaking at the inauguration of a workshop on Kannada textbooks for degree courses organised by the forum of Kannada faculty in degree colleges of Kuvempu University in Shivamogga on Friday. Mr. Bilimale said the mode of Kannada teaching in practice is over 50 years old. There was a need to make it simple so that students develop an interest in the language.

"There is no need for highlighting every concept of Kannada grammar to teach the language. Within a few days, an outsider can be taught to follow Kannada and also speak. The alphabet could be taught in a couple of days. Besides that, the learner should be made to know nouns and pronouns and how to frame sentences. With small exercises, one can pick up the language easily," he said.

Expressing disappointment over the lack of scholarship among teachers, Mr. Bilimale said that many barely give attention to improving their skills.

K.R. Pura, Majestic metro stations to get multilevel parking

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To address the growing menace of illegal vehicle parking around metro stations, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is set to introduce multilevel parking (MLP) facilities at K.R. Pura and Majestic metro stations.

This move aims to streamline traffic near these major stations and provide structured parking options for commuters.

The initiative comes in response to numerous complaints from residents living around metro stations.

Many commuters opt to park their two-wheelers and cars on interior residential roads or in front of house gates instead of using designated parking facilities in an attempt to avoid paying parking fees.

A senior BMRCL official said, "Several metro users park their vehicles outside in a haphazard manner. Our goal is to shift this into a structured multilevel system, which will not only ease traffic flow around stations but also offer safer parking options."

Residents in neighbourhoods around the city have voiced their frustration over the issue. In Dasarahalli, resident Manoj Kumar said, "Ever since the metro station came up here, we've been dealing with heavy traffic on our residential streets. Metro commuters often park their vehicles by the roadside and even right in front of our house gates, making it difficult for us to move our vehicles."

Supreeth Prasad, a resident of J.P. Nagar, said, "There's a major issue with people parking on residential roads and right in front of houses near the Metro station. I put up a large 'No Parking' sign at my gate, but that hasn't helped. Eventually, I had to place two large flower pots to prevent people from encroaching on the space. Road side Parking has become a complete mess for us."

BMRCL officials said the proposed MLPs at K.R. Pura and Majestic are part of a larger strategy to improve last-mile connectivity and reduce friction between metro commuters and local residents. The corporation is also exploring similar parking solutions at other stations, depending on land availability.

"While MLPs may not be feasible at all stations due to space constraints, wherever land is available, we plan to set them up," the official added.

MLPs accessible to all

The proposed parking facilities may not be limited to Metro users. BMRCL is considering making the MLPs accessible to the general public as well. However, to prioritise genuine Metro commuters and incentivise public transport usage, the corporation is mulling discounted parking rates for those with valid Metro tickets or passes.

Currently, BMRCL manages parking through operators selected via a bidding process, with parking tariffs ranging between ₹15 and ₹30 for two-wheelers and ₹30 to ₹60 for four-wheelers.

Multilevel mechanical car parking: Apartments back civic body's move

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), in its recently presented city budget, announced a change in the height of the stilt (ground-level parking) from 3 metres to 4.5 metres to accommodate a multilevel mechanical car parking.

This aims to enable two cars to be parked one over the other. As an incentive, it said the additional 1.5 metres increase in the height would not be considered in the overall height of the building.

While this proposal has got a good response from builders of apartments, where parking space is premium and rationed, it doesn't seem to have elicited the same kind of response from individual home builders, whom the civic budget says it is aimed at.

"In cities, it's common for the residents to park their vehicles on the roadside near their homes, which has prevented the road widening projects aimed at improving traffic flow," the budget speech said, calling the move to increase the stilt height to 4.5 metres a "revolutionary step."

But without a policy that will penalize roadside parking of cars in the residential bylanes, it is unlikely that builders of individual houses will invest extra to put up a multilevel mechanical car parking facility, experts point out. At present, the cost of installing one such system for two cars stacked one above the other ranges between ₹1 lakh to ₹3 lakh, sources in the realty industry said.

This year's BBMP budget had called the move to increase the stilt height to 4.5 metres a 'revolutionary step' to address the problem of roadside parking in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Traffic expert M.N. Srihari said roads are meant for traffic alone and footpaths for pedestrians and parking doesn't figure in the scheme of things and only a strict enforcement of this can solve the parking issue.

"We have some ideas that are presently being considered. For instance, we are thinking of providing owners of empty sites in an area rights to put up multilevel mechanical car parking facilities to park cars for a charge and give them rights to tow all cars on the roadside in a particular small area," Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said.

Apartments are more likely to make the best use of leniency shown in the stilt height.

"In apartments today, each flat has one parking slot. But in most mid-range and high-end apartments, families have both husband and wife working. They have more than one car and even a two-wheeler and parking is a big problem. Now with relaxation in the stilt height, we can provide parking for two cars in the same space. This will also increase the marketability of these flats," said Suresh Hari, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Karnataka.

Four killed, several injured as van collides with bus in Yadgir

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

As many as four people were killed and several injured in a road accident that occurred when a pick-up vehicle in which the victims were travelling collided with a government bus near Maddaraki village in Shahapur taluk of Yadgir district on the Bidar-Srirangapatna State Highway late on Thursday night. The deceased have been identified as Sharanappa, 30, who was driving the pick-up vehicle, Sunita, 19, Tangamma, 55, and Somavva, 50. All were from Warkanalli village in Yadgir taluk.

The injured have been shifted to local hospitals and being provided treatment. Their condition is stated to be stable. The pick-up vehicle was carrying several people from Warkanalli to Ghattaragi village in Afzalpur taluk of Kalaburagi district to participate in a family programme at the Bhagyavanthi temple, while the bus was coming from Kalaburagi and heading towards Bengaluru, when they collided.

Traffic movement on the busy highway was affected for hours due to the accident.A case has been registered in the Bheemarayanagudi Police Station.

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Education Promotion Society of India (EPSI) hosted the National Conference on "The Global Race for AI & Role of Higher Education Institutions for Making India a Global Player"

The National Conference was held at Hotel Radisson, Bhopal. This landmark event unite thought leaders, policymakers, educators, and innovators to discuss strategies for positioning India as a future global leader in artificial intelligence (AI). The conference explored the transformative role of higher education institutions in nurturing talent, driving research, and fostering innovation that propels India's AI ambitions.Inaugural Session: Featuring keynote speeches by Dr. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman of AICTE, and other eminent personalities, along with the relaunch of the seminal book The Road Ahead 2.0". The conference focused on identifying practical solutions to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering partnerships that drive AI excellence. Dr. M R Jayaram, President, EPSI & Chancellor, Ramaiah University emphasized, Higher education institutions have a pivotal role in shaping India's AI journey. Ms. Saba Karim, India Head for Public Sector at LinkedIn, delivered an insightful speech. Dr. T. G. Sitharam, CM of AICTE & Chief Guest of the Conference, focused an inspiring address at the conference. He outlined AICTE's vision to work closely with institutions to bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring students are equipped with the skills demanded by emerging AI-driven industries.

11th Convocation of XIME Kochi

The 11th Convocation of XIME Kochi was held at Kalamassery campus. Chairman of XIME Kochi, Prof. C.P. Ravindranathan IFS (Retd.) awarded the PGDM awards to the passing out students. CM and MD of BEML Ltd. Shri. Shantanu Roy was the Chief Guest for the Convocation. Excellence awards for the meritorious students were also distributed during the convocation ceremony. XIME President Mr. Anil J Philip, XIME Chennai CM. P C Cyriac Vice Chairman Mr. V.O. Sebastian, Officiating Director Prof. Alok Krishna and Assistant Dean Prof. Sony Varghese were present during the ceremony.

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GETTY IMAGES

> In the last two years or so, the kind of improvement Manav has shown has been really good. He has been steadily climbing up the ladder. He reads the opponent's mind really well
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> **SHARATH KAMAL**

Manav Thakkar targets marginal gains after historic barrier-shattering run

The 24-year-old paddler recently became the first Indian to enter the last four of a WTT Star Contender event. Having already added layers to his game, he is working to further improve and refine his craft. The upcoming World Championships and next year's Asian Games will offer the India No. 1 an opportunity to test his progress against top-class fields

K. Keerthivasan

Raising his arms, 24-year-old Manav Thakkar swirled his table tennis racquet at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai, sending the spectators into a frenzy.

Thakkar had just become the first Indian to reach the semifinals of a WTT Star Contender event. And he had achieved it with a huge win over Korea's Lim Jonghoon, ranked as high as World No. 11 in 2023. Although he lost to France's Thibault Poret in the last four, he rose to a career-high World No. 47 and became the top-ranked Indian on the strength of his historic run.

The counterpoint

Thakkar also proved several detractors wrong, offering a counterpoint to the view that he would struggle on the demanding professional circuit because he lacked a major weapon.

A rally-player who relies on counterattacks and accuracy to gain points, Thakkar has added a few layers to his game, which didn't go unnoticed. It was as clear as crystal in the manner in which he defeated Australia's Finn Luu in the round of 32 and 19-year-old German Andre Bertelsmeier in the last 16 before the defining victory over Lim.

Thakkar was quick on his feet and bent forward to take the ball early, exerting immense pressure on his opponents. He also experimented with his serve, using the side-spin and reverse side-spin variations in addition to his staple, the Tomahawk.

> The best part is I have become very strong mentally. Like I was very calm and composed in crucial situations. And whenever it was needed, I won the deciders
>
> **MANAV THAKKAR**

Significantly, he was mentally stronger than before in terms of handling pressure when he was down a few points or facing a tough time against a fancied player. The increased confidence meant he was not averse to going for his shots, which bodes well for the future.

Thakkar's strategy and mental ability were in full view in the fourth game against Lim. Trailing 2-6, he won nine points in a row with a wonderful mix of effective serves, excellent third-ball attacks and consistent play from the back of the table.

Lim just couldn't recover after losing the fourth game. In the fifth game, Thakkar resumed from where he left off, serving well and hurrying the Korean by taking the ball early. Lim could only win one point in the decider.

Thakkar has always aimed to perform well in international tournaments at home, but he hadn't been able to realise that ambition until the Chennai tournament. In the previous two WTT Star Contender events in India (Goa, 2023 and 2024), he lost in the final qualifying round.

This time, he shattered a mental barrier. "Yes, I finally broke it," said Thakkar. "I was under quite a lot of pressure. In the last two years in Goa, I didn't do that well. At the start of the Chennai tournament, I was really under pressure but as soon as the tournament got going, I was quite relaxed.

"Also, the preparation was quite good. We went to Sweden for a training camp, we were also in Bengaluru and we were with National coach Massimo Costantini for a camp for a total of 14 days. I realise, now, I am a bit more mature compared to the last two years."

From passive to aggressive

Deepak Malik, who coached Thakkar from 2019 to 2021, played a small but important role in the 24-year-old developing into a well-rounded player. "Earlier, he used to play a passive game," said Malik. "We focused on his forehand and backhand attack. Manav, now, has good mental awareness of his game. He has become more calm and focused and plays confidently against top-ranked players. Technically, he has become more aggressive."

Thakkar's commitment to improvement was evident in how he handled the defeat to Poret. For half an hour after the match, he was deep in discussion with Chris Pfeiffer, his personal coach, and Costantini on the finer aspects of his game.

"I was a little upset that I lost a good opportunity," said Thakkar. "Massimo and Chris said they felt in the semifinal that my touch was still not at its best. It's how I touch the ball in terms of spin and speed... like the second ball, third ball and fourth ball. They felt we need to work on this touch because now I have good confidence."

The biggest takeaway from the tournament, the 2018 Asian Games medallist said, was his mental fortitude and composure in crunch moments, something he has worked on.

"The best part is I have become very strong mentally. Like I was very calm and composed in crucial situations. And whenever it was needed, I won the deciders."

Recalling previous defeats in deciders, Thakkar said, "In 2022 and 2023, I lost 11-12 matches in the decider. I met mental trainer Gayatri Vartak. She used to say, 'Before each and every point, take time. If you feel very nervous, open your shoelaces, tie your shoelaces and think what you want to do. Like what you want to serve. Just focus on two things. That serve and receive. Don't think about the outcome'. The whole last year, I have been able to convert those matches also."

It showed in his results in 2024. He reached the final of the WTT Feeder in Beirut and made two quarterfinals in WTT Contender events in addition to entering the semifinals of the WTT Feeder in Corpus Christi (Texas).

Work in progress

Pfeiffer said Thakkar has incorporated quite a few changes in his game, but insisted that it's still a work in progress. "He has to work with the ball and against the ball. I think the development in the last month was visible. Now we just need to fix some other things to progress further."

On Thakkar not having a major weapon, Pfeiffer said it was not a matter of concern. "Of course, it's also not too easy to bring something new in the game... that becomes very dangerous. When I look back, I can say that the forehand is already much harder and stronger," he said.

The legendary Sharath Kamal, who has mentored Thakkar, Manush Shah and S.F.R. Snehit over the last few years, felt Thakkar had progressed since the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"In fact, in the last two years or so, the kind of improvement Manav has shown has been really good," said Sharath. "He has been steadily climbing up the ladder. He reads the opponent's mind really well. We are trying to work on his physical abilities, putting on a little bit of weight. We are also working on the technical aspects."

Sharath said he is looking at next month's World Championships and the 2026 Asian Games as opportunities for Thakkar to make an impression on the big stage. Fortunately for the young Indian, he has a strong support system of coaches, including Sharath as mentor, to chase his dreams. Of winning a doubles medal with Manush at the Worlds, of creating a few upsets in singles, of clinching a medal or two at the Asian Games. Having tasted what a breakthrough feels like, hope springs eternal for Thakkar.

MASSIMO COSTANTINI

GAME THEORY

SOURCE: NHL, AP

Ovechkin scales Mount Gretzky

Ovechkin

- Alex Ovechkin became the National Hockey League's highest all-time scorer by hitting his 895th career goal to surpass the legendary Wayne Gretzky's 31-year mark last weekend. Washington Capitals' Ovechkin scored the historic goal against New York Islanders, with Gretzky in attendance.
- Gretzky's total of 894 goals had long seemed unapproachable. But Ovechkin, who has made a habit of putting the puck in the net consistently for two decades, persevered, breaking the record in his 1487th game, the same number Gretzky featured in. A look at the list of top goal-scorers in NHL history on the day Ovechkin set a new mark:

Gretzky

Player	Games	Goals	Goals per game
Alex Ovechkin	1,487	895	0.60
Wayne Gretzky	1,487	894	0.60
Gordie Howe	1,767	801	0.45
Jaromir Jagr	1,733	766	0.44
Brett Hull	1,269	741	0.58
Marcel Dionne	1,348	731	0.54
Phil Esposito	1,282	717	0.56
Mike Gartner	1,432	708	0.49
Mark Messier	1,756	694	0.40
Steve Yzerman	1,514	692	0.46
Mario Lemieux	915	690	0.75
Teemu Selanne	1,451	684	0.47
Luc Robitaille	1,431	668	0.47
Brendan Shanahan	1,524	656	0.43
Dave Andreychuk	1,639	640	0.39
Joe Sakic	1,378	625	0.45
Jarome Iginla	1,554	625	0.40
Sidney Crosby	1,348	622	0.46
Bobby Hull	1,063	610	0.57
Dino Ciccarelli	1,232	608	0.49

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Leaps and bounds

The Grand National Festival — a three-day event prominent in British culture — culminates in what many regard as the world's greatest steeplechase.

First held in 1839, the Grand National, run at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, is a handicap steeplechase over a distance of about seven kilometres, with horses jumping 30 fences over two laps. With a prize fund of £1 million, it is the most valuable jump race in Europe.

Some of the fences have iconic names and a lore all their own: Becher's Brook, for instance, is likened in jockey circles to 'jumping off the edge of the world'.

This year's edition, run last weekend, was won by jockey Patrick Mullins on Nick Rockett. Red Rum (three wins) and George Stevens (five wins) are the most successful horse and jockey, respectively.

The event isn't without its critics. Animal rights groups have campaigned to have the race modified to reduce the rate of injuries horses suffer. Aintree officials have worked with animal welfare organisations to better veterinary facilities and make the most challenging fences less extreme.

Seven men caught selling IPL tickets illegally

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Enquiry Wing of the Central Crime Branch caught seven persons allegedly selling tickets outside Chinnaswamy stadium illegally on Thursday for the IPL cricket match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals.

The CCB team approached the accused outside the stadium posing as cricket fans. One of the accused identified as Manoj Khande, 28, from Chandigarh was working in a canteen inside the stadium. He allegedly confessed to the police that he was given a ticket worth ₹1,200 each to be sold at ₹7,000. Based on his confession, the police also arrested his associate, identified as Santosh from RT Nagar, and recovered four tickets from them.

The police have booked the two and are searching for the canteen manager identified as Shiva Kumar H and Nagaraj K.

Complimentary tickets

In another incident, the officials caught five men selling complimentary tickets for a price ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000. According to the police, the accused were hired by a man who sourced the tickets which were not for sale from a person identified as Cherian.

The police said he got the complimentary tickets from his company but he wanted to make money out of it and roped in the accused to sell them.

Two minors among four booked for 'moral policing'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chandra Layout police in Bengaluru have arrested four youths for alleged 'moral policing'.

The accused work as delivery executives. On April 9, they allegedly confronted a burkha-clad girl sitting on a scooter with a boy of a different faith outside a park, and questioned them.

Objecting to their relationship, the four youths allegedly assaulted the boy and girl, and also recorded a video, which went viral. Based on a statement from the girl, police registered a case of assault and criminal intimidation. They tracked down the accused and arrested them.

Two of the accused are minors, police said.

Jalaja appointed acting V-C of BCU

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BENGALURU

Professor Jalaja, the senior dean of the faculty of Commerce at Bangalore City University (BCU), officially assumed the role of acting Vice-Chancellor on Friday.

The transition followed the completion of Lingaraja Gandhi's four-year tenure. In a formal ceremony at BCU, Lingaraja Gandhi handed over responsibilities to Jalaja. He was lauded for his significant contributions to the varsity's development.

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Commenting on the initiative, Piyush Gupta, Director, Kaizen Que Pvt. Ltd., said, "We believe that access to efficient technology makes a big difference in daily operations. Our police personnel work for long hours, and this initiative is a small step towards helping them with seamless operations".

Kaizen Que Pvt.Ltd, plans to initiate more such CSR drives that can address infrastructure gaps in essential services. The current CSR initiative was led by the Directors of the company, Rekha Gupta, Preeti Gupta, Piyush Gupta, and Pankhuri Omar.

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Swachh Bharat Mission Director reviews SWM in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, reviewed solid waste management activities in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits on Friday.

Binay Jha, Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 visited the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) office to receive a detailed briefing on the current waste management strategies and plans for the city.

K. Harish Kumar, CEO of BSWML, presented a comprehensive overview of BBMP's operations, including daily waste collection mechanisms, infrastructure projects, and technology adoption.

Currently, Bengaluru generates around 6,500 tonnes of waste daily, which is being segregated at source and collected via auto tippers equipped with RFID tracking. Marshals use mobile apps for daily attendance and enforcement, he said.

Awareness campaigns

Strict penalties are being levied on those dumping garbage on roadsides, especially during night patrols. Awareness campaigns are underway to encourage households to hand over waste directly to auto tippers, Mr. Kumar briefed.

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>
> **K. HARISH KUMAR**
> CEO of Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited

Mr. Jha also visited the landfill and K.C. Devanahalli waste processing units. He offered suggestions to enhance public education and communication to increase waste segregation at the source and reduce the volume of mixed waste reaching landfills.

He further inspected a private processing plant under construction by Mukka Proteins Ltd., developed with an investment of ₹150 crore using international technology. The plant is expected to process 1,000 MT of waste daily.

RGUHS asked to reconsider decision against providing answer keys

High Court notes that multiple petitions are coming up on discrepancies in award of marks for medical and other courses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Pointing out that thousands of petitions are coming up before the court on discrepancies in award of marks in evaluation of answer papers of medical and other courses, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the academic council of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) to reconsider its decision against providing answer keys to the descriptive type questions in exams of health science courses, solely citing administrative difficulty in preparing answer keys.

Administrative issues

The court noted that the reasoning of the academic council would indicate that the council had expressed only administrative difficulty in preparing answer keys as there are 3,000 different subjects codes and 10 sets of question papers are prepared for each of the subject for conduct of exams resulting in preparation of 30,000 question papers. The RGHUS provides answer keys for evaluators only for multiple-choice questions.

"The very same person who is setting the question papers would be the best person to prepare the key answers or model answers. Thus, while preparing the question paper, the model answers or key answers could also be prepared by the very same person who has set/drafted the question paper. This would not cause any administrative strain on the university, but would go a long way in catering to the difficulties faced by the students," the court said.

Analysing in detail, the pros and cons of providing answer keys/model answers, for students, teachers, and the institutions, the court said that it is high time that the academic council reconsider the issue in proper perspective and take action, rather than abdicate responsibility on account of administrative difficulties.

Lives impacted

"It is not only the number of litigation that has to be seen, but the number of lives which are dependent on such evaluation too, more particularly students in the younger age group, whose confidence could be adversely affected if they are declared failed on account of improper evaluation. The impact of this on the psyche and the future of the student, on the family of the student, the society as a whole, as also on the college and the university need not be more emphasised," the court observed.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Abhishek M. Sutrave, a PG (Homeopathy) student, who had questioned the legality of a regulation governing the valuation of answer papers of post-graduate homeopathic course.

How to solve

As the academic council itself is aware of a larger number of litigation due to discrepancies in evaluation due to lack of answer key resulting in huge difference in awarding of marks by evaluators, the court said that the council ought to have looked into how to solve the problems of the students, the colleges and the university, to stop the litigation, which are a pain for everyone as no student wants to come to court to agitate their grievances.

The council has to work towards providing answer keys/model answers with assitance of an external agency to evolve a methodology as to how it can be provided rather than to state the difficulties of providing answer keys, the court said, while hoping that the council and the syndicate of the university would take this in right perspective and implement a system for awarding uniform marks.

Padmashree Institutions to host career carnival

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Padmashree Group of Institutions (PGI) will host a career carnival on Saturday on its Kommaghatta, Kengeri campus.

The event is expected to draw over 2,000 students from colleges across Bengaluru and neighboring regions.

Designed to educate and empower students, the career carnival will offer insights into career opportunities, higher education options, scholarships, and skill development – all through a mix of fun, engaging, and experiential learning activities, according to C.N. Sathish, chairman of the institution.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, former deputy chief minister of Karnataka, and Jayakara Shetty, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, will attend as guests.

Elderly woman killed by alcoholic son

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An 82-year-old woman was allegedly bludgeoned to death by her alcoholic son at their house in Bagalagunte on Thursday night after she refused to pay him money. The deceased, Shantha Bai, was living with her son, Mahendra Singh, at their house in Muneshwaranagar.

Mahendra Singh was allegedly an alcoholic and unemployed and used to harass his mother for money. On Thursday, after one such fight, he allegedly assaulted her with an iron rod. She sustained head injuries and succumbed immediately, following which Mahendra fled the scene, said the police. The police registered a case of murder based on a complaint lodged by the daughter of the deceased.

Entries invited for Kavyananda award 2024

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kannada Sahitya Samvardhaka Trust has invited entries for the Kavyananda Award 2024. Books on literary criticism in Kannada published between January 2023 and December 2024 are eligible for the award. The award carries a sum of ₹50,000 and a memento.

Writers may send three copies of their books by June 30 to Kannada Sahitya Samvardhaka Trust, Sri Giri, 4/5 a (new 8), Ali Asker Road, Bengaluru - 560052. For details, call Ph +91 - 80 - 22264361.

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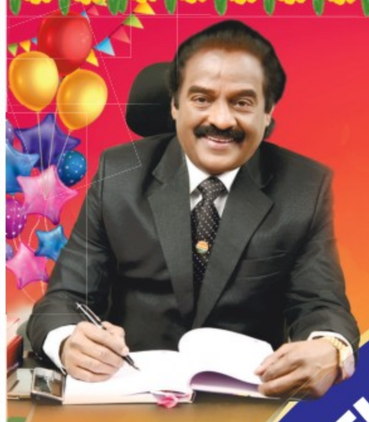

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Minimum wages in State increases to ₹19,319.36 for unskilled workers

The proposed hike in the draft notification from the Labour Department is a huge 70% increase from the existing wages

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what is expected to bring cheer to a large workforce in scheduled employment across the State, the Karnataka government on Friday notified minimum wages, proposing the monthly range from ₹19,319.36 for unskilled labourers in zone 3 to a maximum of ₹34,225.42 for highly skilled employees in thermal stations.

Across industries in zone 1, the proposed monthly minimum wage for a highly skilled worker is ₹31,114.02.

The proposed hike in the draft notification from the Labour Department is a huge 70% increase from the existing wages, including variable dearness wages, and it comes at a time when price rise has affected lakhs of families.

The notification covers an estimated two crore workers across 100 scheduled employment, including 18 added in recent years, and is based on the Supreme Court's directive in the Rapticos Brett case.

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FILE PHOTO

The wage revision is mandated at least once in five years under the Minimum Wages Act. The last wage revision was carried out by the BJP government in 2022, which implemented a wage increase of 5% to 10% across 34 scheduled employment. The draft notification issued on Friday has withdrawn the 2022 notification and proposed a fresh draft.

The draft has been published seeking objections if any, and will later be placed before the Minimum Wages Advisory Board - a tripartite platform bringing employers, representatives of employees and government officials together- before a final notification is issued. The whole process is expected to take at least three months before the wage rise is finally notified.

Three zones

The new notification reverts to three zones from the existing four zones classification for wage calculations. The fourth zone added in the last revision had brought anomalies, in some cases bringing down the wages. While zone 1 covers the BBMP area, zone 2 will cover the district headquarters and other city corporations, and zone 3 will cover the rest of the areas in the State. For the first time, the minimum wage revision across all scheduled employment has been done in a single notification, as sought by trade unions. Welcoming the notification, the AITUC Karnataka unit secretary M. Satyanand said that the Congress government had implemented a long-standing demand to scientifically calculate minimum wages based on the Rapticos Brett case.

"This comes at a time when the labour force has been under stress for the past five to six inflation years."

To be challenged

Meanwhile, the president of the Karnataka Employers' Association B.C. Prabhakar said that they will file an objection to the draft notification and legally challenge it later. "The proposed steep hike makes Karnataka's minimum wages the highest in the country, beating Delhi. This may be counterproductive, increasing the cost of production. Some industries could migrate to neighbouring States, where the minimum wages are far lower. The small-scale industries cannot pay high minimum wages. It's a big hit to labour-intensive industries," he said.

Religious institutions

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For the first time, minimum wages have been extended to those working in religious institutions, including temples, Mutts, mosques, churches, gurudwaras, basadis, viharas, Arya Samaj, Theosophical Society, and ISKCON, among others. These are among the 18 new scheduled employment that have been introduced. The others include non-teaching staff in private schools, colleges, and training institutions. The staff in e-commerce companies and courier companies have been included.

Swara-Dhara: An evening of music on April 20

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sapthak Bangalore, in collaboration with Kalanandanam, will present *Swara-Dhara*, an Indian classical music, on April 20, at the Indian Institute of World Culture, located on Sri B.P. Wadia Road, Basavanagudi. The event will begin at 5.30 p.m. The programme opens with Sarod recital by Debasmita Bhattacharya. She will be accompanied by Rajendra Nakod on the tabla. After which, the audience will be treated to Hindustani and Carnatic vocal performances.

Tier-2 airports go up in rankings in AAI customer satisfaction survey

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

The airports run by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) in the State have seen slight improvement in the 'Customer Satisfaction Index of Airports' in Round-II 2024 compared with the previous Round-I 2024.

Four airports from the State namely Belgavi, Hubballi, Mysuru, and Gulbarga were featured in the AAI's customer satisfaction index.

While Belgavi, Hubballi, and Mysuru airports have seen an improvement in the latest ranking compared to the earlier one (Customer Satisfaction Index of Airports for Round-I 2024 vis-a-vis Round-II 2023), Kalaburgi airport retains the same spot.

In total, 66 airports were part of the survey, in which the Gaggal (Kangra) airport secured the top spot followed by Dehradun and Udaipur

The Belagavi airport, which was ranked 11th in the previous year, has climbed up one spot. The Hubballi airport, which was ranked 15th, has gone up to the 10th spot.

The Mysuru airport, which was ranked 13th in the previous rankings, has also improved its position and bagged the 11th spot. The Kalaburgi airport retains the 12th spot.

In total, 66 airports were part of the customer satisfaction survey, in which the Gaggal (Kangra) airport secured the top spot followed by Dehradun and Udaipur.

33 parameters

The survey takes into account 33 parameters, including ground transportation to/from airport, parking facilities, availability of baggage carts trolleys, waiting time in check-in queue/line, efficiency of check-in staff, courtesy and helpfulness of check-in staff, thoroughness of security inspection, value for money of restaurant/eating facilities, comfort of waiting/gate areas, internet access/Wi-Fi, among others.

In addition, five questions related to hygiene (added because of the pandemic) were also part of the survey.

The Belagavi airport secured a score of 4.91 in the customer satisfaction index in the latest survey as against 4.73 in the previous survey.

The Hubballi airport, which had secured a score of 4.91 in the previous survey, has secured a score of 4.67.

The Mysuru airport secured a score of 4.90 as against 4.70 and the Kalaburagi airport secured a score of 4.89 as against 4.72 in the previous survey.

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	35	25
Mysuru	34	22
Bengaluru	33	23

Bengaluru Today
34°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
34°C The weather will be warm. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Instrumental music performances from April 17

The Hindu Bureau
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The Bangalore Gayana Samaja will host the Karnataka Classical Instrumental Music festival, titled *Vaadya Vybhava* 2025, from April 17 to 20.

This four-day festival will be a celebration of Karnataka's rich musical heritage, showcasing the finest classical instrumental performances by some of the most esteemed artists in the region.

The festival will be held at the Gayana Samaja premises on K.R. Road from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. daily.

The schedule of events for the four days is as follows: Nagaswara by Bangalore B.S. Ramesh Babu and team at 5.30 p.m. and Mandolin by Vishnu Venkatesh and party at 7.30 p.m. on April 17.

Flute concert by Kulur Ravichandra and party at 5.30 p.m. Keyboard by Palghat Sriram at 7 p.m. April 18. Violin solo by H.K. Venkatram at 6 p.m. on April 19, and Veena concert by Ananthapadmanabhan at 6 p.m. on April 20.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, APR. 12		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:32
RISE	18:06	SET 05:32
SUNDAY, APR. 13		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:32
RISE	18:52	SET 06:06
MONDAY, APR. 14		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:32
RISE	19:40	SET 06:42

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Advt. No. 2/2025 **Walk-in Interview**

WALK-IN INTERVIEW for the post of **Senior Research Fellow (Pharmacology) - 1 No.**, under the IMR research project titled "Alternative Therapy for Diabetes Retinopathy and Cataractogenesis by Flueggea Virosa in Streptozotocin induces diabetic rats" **will be held at Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai on 01.05.2025 at 10.00 a.m.** Details are available on the website **www.siddhacouncil.com**.

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e-TENDER-INVITATION FOR BIDS NO.01/2025-26 Dated: 11.04.2025

1.	For details, visit **http://tntenders.gov.in & www.tnphc.com**		
2.	e-Bids are invited by the Superintending Engineer /CC/TNPHC Ltd., for "Construction of 300 Persons Capacity Barracks for Firemen, Model Fire Station, Kitchen Cum Dining, Parade Ground and with basic amenities for the creation of state training Academy for Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services at Kalavakkam in Chengalpet District". **(SE/CC/DB/849/2025)**		
3.	Approximate value of work	:	**Rs.1535.56 Lakhs + GST @ 18%**
4.	Date and time for Downloading / Uploading of bid documents through online	:	**21.04.2025 at 12.00 Noon to 20.05.2025 upto 6.00 P.M.**
5.	Date & time of opening of the bid	:	**22.05.2025 at 03.15 P.M.**
6.	Other details can be seen in the bid documents.		

DIPR/1506/Tender/2025
Superintending Engineer / CC, TNPHC Ltd, Chennai

Government of Karnataka.
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
Office of the Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division Bidar.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2025-26/**34** Date: **09.04.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 02 works approved under KKRDB schemes as per KW-03 & 04 in Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 66,58,075.20** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Seventy Five and paise Twenty only) & Maximum **Rs. 168,48,708.66** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and paise sixty six only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the **KPPP portal** of the Govt. of Karnataka **Viz. http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on 11.04.2025 to or before 16.00 hours upto 29.04.2025 Technical Bid will be opened on 02.05.2025 & Financial Bid will be opened on 07.05.2025 respectively.** Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

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BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

"The Jewellery Show" - An Exclusive Jewellery Exhibition in Mysuru with reputed Brands from across India under One Single Roof

The Jewellery Show" will be organised at "Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel" Mysuru from April 11th, 12th & 13th 2025 (Fri - Sun). The Show was inaugrated by Ms. Amrutha Prem and show organisers Jagadeesh & Hemalatha Jagadeesh. Ms Amrutha said that "The Jewellery Lovers will be satisfied and thrilled with the Jewellery put on display and sale as the Jewellers will be getting hand picked and award winning designs manufactured and sourced for various budgets exclusively for this Show". This is a one stop shop for all the prospective Brides & Bridegrooms in the upcoming main Wedding season and also the upcoming Festival season. Getting to witness 30+ top Jewellery brands & designers across India under a single roof would be a real treat for all Brides & Grooms. Along with this collections, Jewellers have also manufactured Budget friendly daily ware collections specially for this Edition. The Major Brands participating are : Davanam, Gajraj, M P Jewellers, Treasure by Navrathan, Simha Jewellers, Navrathan & Sons, Panchkesari Badera, Art India Jewels, Saptosi, Wondr Diamonds, Tri Dia, Vitrag Jewellers, Sunil Jewellers(Jaipur), Roopam Silver, Saanchis, madhan Gems. The Star attractions from Mysuru are : Raj Diamonds, Darla Gold, Prakash Jewellers.

Adverse telecast about State Bank of India in some electronic media

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Punjab National Bank celebrates 131st Foundation Day

Punjab National Bank (PNB) is one of India's oldest and largest public sector banks, with a rich history dating back to 1894. With its Circle Office in Bangalore, PNB has a strong presence across Bangalore and Mysore, serving the customers through its extensive network of branches and digital channels. Recently Punjab National Bank (PNB) marked its 131st Foundation Day, commemorating a legacy of trust, service, and innovation in the banking sector. To celebrate this milestone, PNB branches across the Bangalore and Mysore organized a range of events and activities focussed on digital literacy, financial awareness, promoting health by organizing health camps providing essential health check-ups and consultations to the customers, walkathons fostering a sense of community and social responsibility and community engagement by organizing customer meets and donating of school desks to Govt. Upper Primary school at Kashetipalli. PNB's Foundation Day celebrations reflects its commitment to community development and its role as a responsible corporate citizen.

Jewels of India launched its Tritiya edition in Hotel Taj Westend, Race course road, Bengaluru from April 11th to 13th

India's prestigious and oldest Jewellery expo Jewels of India launched its Tritiya edition curated for bridal and Akshaya Tritiya in Hotel Taj Westend, Race course road, Bengaluru from April 11th to 13th. Featuring 40 of finest jewellery makers from across the country. The exhibition is showcasing an exquisite range of bespoke and designer jewellery making is a must visit destination for Bengaluruains. Jewels of India Convener Vikram Mehta said that as the convener of the prestigious event we have bought the best Jewellers of India with their bespoke collections for this wedding season and Akshay Tritiya. We are looking forward Bengalurians to participate in the expo and shop their favourite designer Jewellery. The expo is held in Taj Westend from 11th to 13th April.

Sri Sai Gold Palace's 7th store inaugurated in Malleswaram

Sri Sai Gold Palace's 7th store was inaugurated at 11th Cross Road, Malleswaram in the divine presence of Sri Vinay Guruji, Abhinaya Chakravarthy Sudeep inaugurated the Malleswaram store. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, former Deputy Chief Minister, MLA C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, ADGP V. Rajkumar, R. P Ravi Shankar, Satyanarayana, actress Prema, singer Chandan Shetty, Bigg Boss fame actress Anusha Rai, actress Aishwarya Sindhogi, actor Shishir Shastri witnessed the inauguration of the new store. Unique, designed jewellery and diamonds are available to wear gold jewellery for weddings, auspicious events and festivals. Exciting offers are being made, including selling gold at Dubai prices. Actor Sudeep said, "Women find gold and jewellery to enhance their beauty. This store is a good platform for women to buy jewellery that suits them. All the special designs of jewellery are available here under one roof."

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Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, BBMP Head office, NR Square, Bengaluru-560002.

No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/66/2025-26 **FORM-I** **Dated:09.04.2025**

NOTIFICATION {Under Sec 14B(4)(i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE for **Widening of Kogilu-Sampigehalli Road from Kogilu Circle to Shivarama Karanth Layout via Agrahara Sampigehalli (Ch:0.00m to Ch:3630.00m).** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner(LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2st Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.	Executive Engineer Project Division Yelahanka, BBMP	30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

"Acquisition of land required for **Widening of Kogilu-Sampigehalli Road from Kogilu Circle to Shivarama Karanth Layout via Agrahara Sampigehalli (Ch:0.00m to Ch:3630.00m).**

Sl No	Sy No/ Khatha No	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot and extent in sq.m		Boundaries of the land /plot				Building Details			Present activity on Land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment individual house etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sqm			Name and address of the owner of the plot/ land for which DRC is to be issued / already issued.	Remarks
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted Undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sqm	Type of Construction and No. of Floors	Floor area Ratio		Agriculture/B-Khatha	Converted Undeveloped	A Khatha, Developed Site		
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Kogilu**																					
1	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			72.40		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Road	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Venugopaswamy Temple	-
2	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			38.53		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Kogilu Gramatana	Narasamma W/o Late Venkatappa & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Pillekamma Temple	-
3	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			79.08		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Pillekamma Temple	Thirumalappa S/o Hanumaiah & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Narasamma W/o Late Venkatappa & Others	-
4	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			77.33		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Road	Prabhakar & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Govindaraju & Others	-
5	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			74.71		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Govindaraju & Others	Jagadish S/o Shyamanna & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Prabhakar & Others	-
6	kogilu Gramathana Khatha No82/3	Vacant/ Building		-			56.61		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Narasamma W/o Late Venkatappa & Others	1. Lokesh S/o Rajanna & Others 2. Umesh S/o Rajanna & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Thirumalappa S/o Hanumaiah & Others	-
7	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			80.07		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Thirumalappa S/o Hanumaiah & Others	Road	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	1. Lokesh S/o Rajanna & Others 2. Umesh S/o Rajanna & Others	-
8	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			50.45		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Prabhakar & Others	Marithimmaih & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Jagadish S/o Shyamanna & Others	-
9	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			74.10		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Jagadish S/o Shyamanna & Others	Latha W/o Chikkanna & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Marithimmaih & Others	-
10	kogilu Gramathana Katha No. 765/3007/103/103	Vacant/ Building		-			41.42		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Puttaraju S/o Munivenkatappa & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Prathima W/o Pojaiah & Others	-
11	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			193.77		Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Prathima W/o Pojaiah & Others	Sy No 114/1	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Puttaraju S/o Munivenkatappa & Others	-
12	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			81.33		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Marithimmaih & Others	Nagarathnamma & Others	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Latha W/o Chikkanna & Others	-
13	Kogilu Gramathana	Vacant/ Building		-			104.03		Kogilu Gramatana	Road	Latha W/o Chikkanna & Others	Sy No 114/1	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Nagarathnamma & Others	-
14	114/1	Vacant		-			375.06		Remaining portion of Sy. No 114/1	Road	Kogilu Gramatana	Sy.no 112	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Munishyamappa S/o Bikkalu Thimmaiah & Others	-
15	114/1	Vacant		-			369.88		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 114/1	Road	Sy.no 112	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Munishyamappa S/o Bikkalu Thimmaiah & Others	-
16	112/1	Vacant		-			335.66		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/1	Sy.no 114	Sy.no 112/2A	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Veeranna S/o Narayanappa & Others	-
17	112/1	Vacant		-			339.57		Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/1	Road	Sy.no 114	Sy.no 112/2A	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Veeranna S/o Narayanappa & Others	-
18	112/2A	Vacant		-			499.51		Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2A	Road	Sy.no 112/1	Sy.no 112/2B1	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Chandrika M S/o Late M V Muniyappa & Others	-
19	112/2A	Vacant		-			489.77		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2A	Sy.no 112/1	Sy.no 112/2B1	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	Chandrika M S/o Late M V Muniyappa & Others	-
20	112/2B1	Vacant/ Building		-			318.47		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2B1	Sy.no 112/1	Sy.no 112/2B2	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	M Venkataramaiah S/o Ramappa & Others	-
21	112/2B1	Vacant/ Building		-			334.86		Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2B1	Road	Sy.no 112/2A	Sy.no 112/2B2	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	M Venkataramaiah S/o Ramappa & Others	-
22	112/2B2	Vacant		-			275.38		Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2B2	Road	Sy.no 112/2B1	Sy.no 111	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	1. M Ramachandrappa S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah 2. M Chinnaraju S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah 3. M Ramakrishnappa S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah & Others	-
23	112/2B2	Vacant/ Building		-			276.20		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 112/2B2	Sy.no 112/2B1	Sy.no 111	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	1. M Ramachandrappa S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah 2. M Chinnaraju S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah 3. M Ramakrishnappa S/o Late Mandapalli Venkataramaiah & Others	-
24	111	Vacant/ Building		-			1669.89		Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 111	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 111	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	1.R.Narasimaiah 2..R.Krishna 3.Chekori Siddaraju S/o Appal Narasimharaju 4.Penumasti Ashok Raju S/o Late Sathya Narayana 5.Danduramaraju S/o D Sathyanarayanaraju 6.M Venkatanarasaraju 7.Ashok Kumar Jain 8.Ramesh Kumar Jain 9.Kishor Kumar Jain 10.M S Bhaskar 11.K Venkatanaryana 12.M.Mariyappa S/o Munilakshmaiah 13.M Narayana Swamy S/o Late Narayanappa 14.Mudisheety Kasturamma W/o M Shrinivas 15.Manjunath D S/o Dayavappa 16.K.L.Thimma Nanjaiah S/o LAte K N Lingaraju 17.S.V.Mamatha Devi S/o S N Veeranagappa 18.N.Prabhakar S/o Nagappa 19.Lokesh A G S/o Gopalappa 20.Maheshwara S/o Nagaiah K & Others	-

25	111	Vacant/ Building	-	1818.21	Remaining portion of Sy. No 111	Road	Sy.no 112 & Remaining portion of Sy. No 111	Road	-	-	-	-	7,512/-	19,600/-	28,000/-	1.R.Narasimaiah 2..R.Krishna 3.Chekori Siddaraju S/o Appal Narasimharaju 4.Penumasti Ashok Raju S/o Late Sathya Narayana 5.Danduramaraju S/o D Sathyanarayanaraju 6.M Venkatanarasaraju 7.Ashok Kumar Jain 8.Ramesh Kumar Jain 9.Kishor Kumar Jain 10.M S Bhaskar 11.K Venkatanaryana 12.M.Mariyappa S/o Munilakshmaiah 13.M Narayana Swamy S/o Late Narayanappa 14.Mudisheety Kasturamma W/o M Shrinivas 15.Manjunath D S/o Dayavappa 16.K.L.Thimma Nanjaiah S/o LAte K N Lingaraju 17.S.V.Mamatha Devi S/o S N Veeranagappa 18.N.Prabhakar S/o Nagappa 19.Lokesh A G S/o Gopalappa 20.Maheshwara S/o Nagaiah K & Others	-

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Agrahara**

26	64	Vacant/ Building	-	1170.68	Remaining portion of Sy. No 64	Sy.no 63	Kogilu village boundary	Sy.no 19	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. M Anand S/o Late Muniyappa 2. M V Narayanaraju S/o Late M.V.Narsaraju 3.M.Kiran Kumar S/o M.V.Narayanaraju 4.K.Venkatasubbaraju S/o Adinaryanaraju 5.Muniyappa S/o Munninanjappa & Others	DRC No. 003307/ LF No.113
27	63	Vacant	-	1365.61	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 63	Kogilu village boundary	Sy.no 18	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	G Kalyanaramasubramaniyan S/o Gopal Krishnan & Others	-
28	19/1	Vacant/ Building	-	363.04	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/1	Road	Sy.no 64	Sy.no 19/3	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Hemanna S/o Munikempaiah 2.K A Prasad S/o Srinivasalu 3.L S Sudarshan S/o Srinivasalu 4.Rekha W/o Venkatasubbaiah 5.R Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y Ramakrishna 6.K Janardhan S/o R Krishna Murthy 7.K Krishna S/o Late Kupparaju 8.N Malaathi W/o K Krishna 9.Sjjan Kumar Garg S/o Lokramgarg & Others	-
29	18/1	Vacant/ Building	-	884.31	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18/1	Sy.no 63	Sy.no 18/4	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Narayana Swamy 2.P K Jayachandra Reddy S/o M P Krishna Reddy 3.P.K Srinivas Reddy S/o M P Krishna Reddy & Others	-
30	19/3	Vacant	-	190.88	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/3	Road	Sy.no 19/1	Sy.no 19/1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Venkatanarasamma W/o K Nagaiah & Others	-
31	19/1	Vacant/ Building	-	933.04	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/1	Road	Sy.no 19/3	Sy.no 19/4	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Hemanna S/o Munikempaiah 2.K A Prasad S/o Srinivasalu 3.L S Sudarshan S/o Srinivasalu 4.Rekha W/o Venkatasubbaiah 5.R Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y Ramakrishna 6.K Janardhan S/o R Krishna Murthy 7.K Krishna S/o Late Kupparaju 8.N Malaathi W/o K Krishna 9.Sjjan Kumar Garg S/o Lokramgarg & Others	-
32	18/4	Vacant	-	643.24	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18/4	Sy.no 18/1	Sy.no 18/3	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	B K Krishnaveni W/o M Narayanappa & Others	DRC No. 002805/ LF No.93 Land Extent of 985.27 Sq.m
33	18/3	Vacant	-	239.50	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18/3	Sy.no 18/4	Sy.no 18/2	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Mamatha W/o B Nagaraj & Others	-
34	19/4	Vacant	-	221.53	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/4	Road	Sy.no 19/2	Sy.no 19/1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Prakash B Patil S/o B R Patil Kulkarni & Others	-
35	18/2	Vacant	-	87.69	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18/2	Sy.no 18/3	Sy.no 1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	B A Rajagopal & Others	-
36	19/4	Vacant	-	37.10	Road	Sy.no 19/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/4	Sy.no 19/1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Prakash B Patil S/o B R Patil Kulkarni & Others	-
37	19/1	Vacant	-	298.39	Road	Sy.no 1,18	Sy.no 18	Sy.no 1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Hemanna S/o Munikempaiah 2.K A Prasad S/o Srinivasalu 3.L S Sudarshan S/o Srinivasalu 4.Rekha W/o Venkatasubbaiah 5.R Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y Ramakrishna 6.K Janardhan S/o R Krishna Murthy 7.K Krishna S/o Late Kupparaju 8.N Malaathi W/o K Krishna 9.Sjjan Kumar Garg S/o Lokramgarg & Others	-
38	19/1	Vacant	-	322.03	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/1	Road	Sy.no 19/4	Sy.no 20	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Hemanna S/o Munikempaiah 2.K A Prasad S/o Srinivasalu 3.L S Sudarshan S/o Srinivasalu 4.Rekha W/o Venkatasubbaiah 5.R Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y Ramakrishna 6.K Janardhan S/o R Krishna Murthy 7.K Krishna S/o Late Kupparaju 8.N Malaathi W/o K Krishna 9.Sjjan Kumar Garg S/o Lokramgarg & Others	-
39	1	Vacant	-	151.09	Sy.no 19 and Sy no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 1	Sy.no 19	Remaining portion of Sy. No 1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.H Gopalreddy @ Gopi S/o Late Hanumanthappa 2.Y.R Ravikumar S/o Late Ranagappa 3.Y R Chendrashekar S/o Late M Rangappa 4.Y.R Nagesh Kumar S/o M Rangappa 5.B.A.Rajagopal S/o A G Ashwathamaiah & Others	-
40	20/5	Vacant	-	101.46	Remaining portion of Sy. No 20/5 & 20/2	Road	Sy.no 19	Sy.no 20/6	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	R Madhusudhan S/o B Ramaiah & Others	-
41	20/5	Vacant	-	35.57	Road	Sy.no 1	Sy.no 19	Sy.no 20/6	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	R Madhusudhan S/o B Ramaiah & Others	-
42	20/6	Vacant/ Building	-	153.41	Road	Sy.no 1	Sy.no 20/5	Sy.no 20/1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Muniraju S/o Munikempaiah & Others	-
43	20/6	Vacant	-	71.43	Sy.no 20/3	Road	Sy.no 20/5	Sy.no 20/3	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Muniraju S/o Munikempaiah & Others	-
44	20/3	Vacant	-	193.36	Remaining portion of Sy. No 20/3	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 20/3	Sy.no 20/1	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	R.Krishnamurthy, K. Janardhan & Others	-
45	20/1	Vacant/ Building	-	124.11	Remaining portion of Sy. No 20/1	Road	Sy.no 20/3	Agrahara Gramatana	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Lakkappa & Others	-
46	20/1	Vacant/ Building	-	41.04	Road	Sy.no 20/6	Sy.no 20/6	Agrahara Gramatana	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Lakkappa & Others	-
47	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 98/93	Vacant/ Building	-	53.77	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Sy no 20	Nagaraju S/o Doddamuniyamma & Others	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Krisnappa & Others	-
48	Agrahara Gramatana	Vacant/ Building	-	206.25	Agrahara Gramatana & Sy No 30	Road	Sy no 20	Road	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	A V Mariyappa & Others	-
49	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 97/92	Vacant/ Building	-	29.12	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Krisnappa & Others	Road	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Nagaraju S/o Doddamuniyamma & Others	-
50	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 5/5	Vacant/ Building	-	29.12	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Road	Venkatesh A V S/o Late Venkatappa & Others	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Gullamma W/o Bairappa & Others	-
51	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 116/111	Vacant/ Building	-	58.92	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Gullamma W/o Bairappa & Others	Durgappa S/o Giriyappa & Others	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Venkatesh A V S/o Late Venkatappa & Others	-

68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52
Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 41/41	Gramathana Khatha No. 41/41	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 64/64	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramatana	AgraharaGramathana Khatha No. 25/78/26/1	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 30/38	Agrahara Gramatana	Gramathana Khatha No. 91/37	Agrahara Gramatana	Gramathana Khatha No.	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 35/35	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramatana
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46.18	37.04	41.55	27.12	91.14	156.90	152.63	42.41	48.15	126.63	60.39	39.03	91.63	307.61	83.78	37.62	37.57
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Krishnappa & Others	Balakrishna S/o Kempanna & Others	Marigowda S/o Late Kempanna & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Muniraju, Sampangamma & Others	Chendrashekhar & Others	A G Lokesh & Others	Road	Road	Thriveni & Others	Governmnet Primary School	Krishnappa S/o Doddappaiah & Others	Road	Irappa & Others	Durgappa S/o Giriyappa & Others	Venkatesh A V S/o Late Venkatappa & Others
Ratnamma & Others	A L Muniyappa & A C Manjunath & Others	Sathyanarayan Paliwala, Muniswamygowda & Others	Balakrishna S/o Kempanna & Others	Pillappa & Others	Marigowda S/o Late Kempanna & Others	Krishnappa & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Muniraju, Sampangamma & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Road	Gangaraju & Others	Thriveni & Others	Road	Governmnet Primary School	Krishnappa S/o Doddappaiah & Others	Irappa & Others
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5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-
23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-
33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-
Pillappa & Others	Sathyanarayan Paliwala, Muniswamygowda & Others	Balakrishna S/o Kempanna & Others	Marigowda S/o Late Kempanna & Others	Krishnappa & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Leelavathi D A Gowda & Others	Muniraju, Sampangamma & Others	A G Lokesh & Others	Chendrashekhar & Others	Gangaraju & Others	Thriveni & Others	Governmnet Primary School	A V Mariyappa& Others	Krishnappa S/o Doddappaiah & Others	Irappa & Others	Durgappa S/o Giriyappa & Others
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75	74	73	72	71	70	69
54	54	55	Oni	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramathana Khatha No. 41/41
Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building	Vacant/ Building
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709.75	644.51	473.22	493.49	50.19	76.36	75.22
Remaining portion of Sy. No 54	Road	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Agrahara Gramatana	Road	Agrahara Gramatana
Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 54	Remaining portion of Sy. No 55	Road	Road	Agrahara Gramatana	Road
Agrahara Gramatana	Sy.no 55	Agrahara Gramatana	Mohan Lal & Others	A L Muniyappa & A C Manjunath & Others	Pillappa & Others	Sathyanarayan Paliwala, Muniswamygowda & Others
Sy.no 47	Sy.no 53	Sy.no 54	Sy.no 54	Oni	Road	Mohan Lal & Others
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5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-	5,016/-
23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-	23,100/-
33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-
1.Akkayamma W/o Late Venkatappa 2.Muniraju S/o Chikkanarayanappa 3.N Gopal Reddy Urff Gopi S/o Late Hanumanthappa 4.A P Somashekar Reddy Gouda S/o A S Pillappa 5.A.P Ambarish S/o A S Pillappa 6.Sunandamma W/o Late Vasanth 7.Sushlamma W/o Late Jagadish 8.Muniakkayamma W/o Chikkamunishyamappa 9.A.M.Appayanna S/o Muniranjundappa 10.A.M Rajanna S/o Muniranjundappa 11.Ramaiah S/o Late Dasappa 12.Gopal S/o Late Dasappa 13.Muniraju S/o Late Dasappa 14.Gopal S/o Late Dasappa 15.Krishnappa S/o Late Dasappa 16.Lakshmamma S/o Late Muninanjundappa 17.Gouramma S/o Late Muninanjundappa 18.Rajanna A.M S/o Late Muninanjundappa 19.Gouramma W/o Late Thammama 20.T.R Nagaranta S/o Late A.N Ramkrishnappa 21. Ammapurna Sachin Kamth W/o Sachin Kamath & Others	-	1.Akkayamma W/o Late Venkatappa 2.Muniraju S/o Chikkanarayanappa 3.N Gopal Reddy Urff Gopi S/o Late Hanumanthappa 4.A.P Somashekar Reddy Gouda S/o A S Pillappa 5.A.P Ambarish S/o A S Pillappa 6.Sunandamma W/o Late Vasanth 7.Sushlamma W/o Late Jagadish 8.Muniakkayamma W/o Chikkamunishyamappa 9.A.M.Appayanna S/o Muniranjundappa 10.A.M Rajanna S/o Muniranjundappa 11.Ramaiah S/o Late Dasappa 12.Gopal S/o Late Dasappa 13.Muniraju S/o Late Dasappa 14.Gopal S/o Late Dasappa 15.Krishnappa S/o Late Dasappa 16.Lakshmamma S/o Late Muninanjundappa 17.Gouramma S/o Late Muninanjundappa 18.Rajanna A.M S/o Late Muninanjundappa 19.Gouramma W/o Late Thammama 20.T.R Nagaranta S/o Late A.N Ramkrishnappa 21. Ammapurna Sachin Kamth W/o Sachin Kamath & Others	1.M C Munikrishnappa S/o Chikkanarjappa 2.Munegouda S/o Late Lakshmaiah 3.Muniyappa S/o Lakshmaiah 4.Akkayamma W/o Late Venkatappa 5.N.Narasimharurthy S/o Late Nanjappa 6.Ratnamma W/o Muniraju 7.T.R.Nagaratna W/o T P Nunimarayanappa 8.Manoj KUmar S/o Chaganlal 9.Chikkabairappa S/o Munishyamappa 10.Muniraju S/o Chikkamunishyamappa & Others	Ambuja K & Others	Mohan Lal & Others	Rahnamma & Others	A L Muniyappa & A C Manjunath & Others
-	-	DRC No. 0031361 LF No.106 Land Extent of 102.19 Sq.m	-	-	-	-

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76	53	Vacant	-	155.64	Road & Sy. No 54	Remaining portion of Sy. No 53	Sy.no 54	Sy.no 52	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Smashana	-	
77	52	Vacant	-	511.08	Sy.no 49 & Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 52	Sy.no 53	Sy.no 49	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Munegowda S/o Late Lakshmaih 2.Muniyappa S/o Late Lakshmaiah 3.A.C Krishnappa S/o Late Chikkananjappa 4.Nagabushan Tamragouri S/o Narasima Tamrigouda 5.M Jayagopalgouda S/o Late Narayanagouda 6.M Jayagopalgouda S/o Late Narayanagouda 7.Venkatappa S/o Late Munishyamappa 8.Chikkavenkatappa S/o Late Munishyamappa 9.A.M Mariyappa S/o Late Munibairappa 10.K.Naveen S/o K N Manjunath 11.T.Bhaskar Reddy S/o T N Sonnappa Reddy 12.A.D Mariyappa S/o Late Doddanna 13.Pennabadi Shivabarathi W/o R Ishwar Reddy 14.M.Shyamsundar Reddy S/o M Prasad Reddy 15.Srinivas Prabath S/o N Venkataramana Reddy 16.Basavaraj Rayareddy S/o Basalingappa 17.A.C Krishnappa S/o Late Chikkananjappa 18.A.C Manjunath S/o Late Chikkananjappa 19.Munegouda S/o Late Lakshmaiah 20. Muniyappa S/o Late Lakshmaiah 21. Shriram Balasubbarayudu S/o Pirayya 22. Ramachandraraju S/o Subbaraju	DRC No. 003122/ LF No. 105 Land Extent of 514.57 Sq.m
78	47/1	Vacant/ Building	-	235.39	Remaining portion of Sy. No 49	Road	Sy.no 54	Sy.no 49	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. Y V Munirajappa S/o Veerasamappa 2. Y M Venkatesh S/o Y V Munirajappa	-	
79	49	Vacant/ Building	-	740.20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 49	Road	Sy.no 47	Sy.no 50	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	H K Suresh S/o Kempegowda	-	
80	49	Vacant/ Building	-	235.84	Road	Sy.no 51 & 52	Sy.no 52	Sy.no 51	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	H K Suresh S/o Kempegowda	-	
81	51	Vacant/ Building	-	951.20	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51	Sy.no 49	Sampigehalli village boundary	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Nandan M Gouda S/o Munikrishnappa A C 2. Muninarayanappa S/o Papanna 3.Suguna Sihmadri W/o Suryarao Simahadri 4.Muninaryanappa S/o Papanna 5.A.C Munikrishnappa S/o Shikka Nanjappa 6.MP Suresh Gowda S/o Puttaiah 7.Muniyappa S/o Lakshmaiah 8.Munegouda S/o Lakshmaiah 9.Anilkumar C Jain 10.Jitendra Kumar Jain S/o Chaganlal P jain 11.Munegouda S/o Chikkamuniyappa 12. Ramamurthy S/o Chikkamuniyappa 13.Prakash S/o Chikkamuniyappa 14.Raju S/o Chikkamuniyappa 15.Y.M Lakshmi Devi W/o Balakrishna 16. M.P Suresh Gowda S/o M C Puttaiah 17.B.Nagaraju S/o Bairappa 18.Iramma W/o Late Chikkamuniyappa 19.A.S Pillappa S/o Late Somappa 20.Bayamma W/o A S Pillappa 21.Pramilamma D/o A S Pillappa 22.Prema D/o A S Pillappa 23.A.P Somashekhar Gowda S/o A S Pillappa 23. A.P Ambarish S/o A S Pillappa 24.C.R Sharadamma W/o R MAllikarjunappa 25. Vishal Kiran Gowda S/o Munikrishnappa A C & Others	-	
82	50	Vacant/ Building	-	695.01	Remaining portion of Sy. No 50	Road	Sy.no 49	Sampigehalli village boundary	-	-	-	-	5,016/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. Rameshchand S/o Sumachand 2.V.Manjunath S/o L Venkatappa 3.S.Munegowda 4.Ramakrishnappa S/o Late Muniyappa 5.A.C Srinivad S/o Late A M Chinnavenkataiah 6.A.C Srinivas S/o Late A M Chinnavenkataiah & Others	DRC No. 003583/ LF No. 124 Land Extent of 59.475 Sq.m	
83	4	Vacant	-	382.06	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 4	Agrahara village boundary	Sy.no 5	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. S B Radhamma D/o Nanjamma 2.S.N.Narayangowda S/o Nanjegowda 3.S.N Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjegowda 4.S.Munegowda S/o Sonnappa 5.Dodda Hanumanthappa 6. Chikkahanumathappa 7.L Narendra Prasad S/o S V Lakshminarayanashastri & Others	DRC No. 003038/ LF No.102, Land Extent of 371.60 Sq.m	
84	4	Vacant/ Building	-	382.09	Remaining portion of Sy. No 4	Road	Agrahara village boundary	Sy.no 5	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. S B Radhamma D/o Nanjamma 2.S.N.Narayangowda S/o Nanjegowda 3.S.N Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjegowda 4.S.Munegowda S/o Sonnappa 5.Dodda Hanumanthappa 6. Chikkahanumathappa 7.L Narendra Prasad S/o S V Lakshminarayanashastri & Others	DRC No. 3039/ LF No.102 Land Extent of 380.89 Sq.m	
85	5	Vacant/ Building	-	797.17	Remaining portion of Sy. No 5	Road	Sy.no 4	Sy.no 6	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Chikkabairappa 2.Narayanappa S/o Late Basappa 3.Pillappa S/o Late Basappa 4.R.Anandkumar S/o Late Ramaiah 5.R Munegowda S/o B P Ramaiah 6. Kandaswami Vadeyar S/o Late Shankarappa 7. Muniswamy Vadeyar S/o Late Shankarappa & Others	-	
86	5	Vacant	-	749.04	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 5	Sy.no 4	Sy.no 6	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Chikkabairappa 2.Narayanappa S/o Late Basappa 3.Pillappa S/o Late Basappa 4.R.Anandkumar S/o Late Ramaiah 5.R Munegowda S/o B P Ramaiah 6. Kandaswami Vadeyar S/o Late Shankarappa 7. Muniswamy Vadeyar S/o Late Shankarappa & Others	-	
87	6	Vacant/ Building	-	676.99	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 6	Sy.no 5	Sy.no 46	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.S.N.Bachanna S/o Chikkanarasappa 2.S.N Anandamurthy 3.Chikkanarasappa 4.Subramanya S/o Munishyami Vadeyar 5.H Muninaryanappa S/o Late Dibburu Hanumappa 6.Sushilamma W/o B Puttaiah 7.Chikkabairappa S/o Munibairappa 8.R.Krishnamurthy S/o Y Ramakrishna 9.S.B Narayanappa S/o Late Basappa 10.S.B Pillappa S/o Late Basappa 11.Narayanappa Basappa 12.Aanjinappa13. Munivenkatappa 14.Bailamma W/o Munivenkatappa	DRC No. 002884/ L.F No.96 Land Extent of 269.41 Sq.m and DRC No. 003037/ L.F No.102 Land Extent of 256.04 Sq.m	
88	6	Vacant/ Building	-	661.44	Remaining portion of Sy. No 6	Road	Sy.no 5	Sy.no 46	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.S.N.Bachanna S/o Chikkanarasappa 2.S.N Anandamurthy 3.Chikkanarasappa 4.Subramanya S/o Munishyami Vadeyar 5.H Muninaryanappa S/o Late Dibburu Hanumappa 6.Sushilamma W/o B Puttaiah 7.Chikkabairappa S/o Munibairappa 8.R.Krishnamurthy S/o Y Ramakrishna 9.S.B Narayanappa S/o Late Basappa 10.S.B Pillappa S/o Late Basappa 11.Narayanappa Basappa 12.Aanjinappa13. Munivenkatappa 14.Bailamma W/o Munivenkatappa	DRC No. 002884/ L.F No.96 Land Extent of 269.41 Sq.m and DRC No. 003037/ L.F No.102 Land Extent of 256.04 Sq.m	
89	46	Vacant	-	588.15	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46	Sy.no 6	Sampigehalli Gramatana	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.BDA 2.Munegowda 3.H Anjinappa 4.H.Ramaiah 5.Narayanappa Krishnappa S/o Munishyamappa 6.Krishnappa S/o Ramaiah 7.Vishwanathappa S/o Anjinappa 8.Munishyamappa S/o Anjinappa & Others	DRC No. 003085/ LF No.104 Land Extent of 470.08 Sq.m	
90	46	Vacant/ Building	-	302.16	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46	Road	Sy.no 6	Venkateshamma W/o Ramachandra & Others	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.BDA 2.Munegowda 3.H Anjinappa 4.H.Ramaiah 5.Narayanappa Krishnappa S/o Munishyamappa 6.Krishnappa S/o Ramaiah 7.Vishwanathappa S/o Anjinappa 8.Munishyamappa S/o Anjinappa & Others	-	
91	46 & Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	92.59	Sampigehalli Gramathana & Sy no 46	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46	Hanumanthrayappa & Others	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Venkateshamma W/o Ramachandra & Others	-	
92	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	25.95	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Venkateshamma W/o Ramachandra & Others	Road	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Hanumanthrayappa & Others	-	

108	107	106	105	104	103	102	101	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93
Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana
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69.66	151.53	77.13	40.40	48.57	36.93	32.23	93.44	45.12	40.49	90.57	56.16	36.16	24.59	20.42	34.04
Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Road	Road	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana
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Road	Road	Aralikatte	Krishnappa & Others	Nanjundappa & Others	Lakshmamma (Anand) & Others	Rajanna & Chikkabairappa & Others	Ambedkar Samudhaya Bhavan & Others	Subbarayappa S/o Muniramaiah & Others	Road	Krishnappa & Others	Sy no 46	M Ramakrishna S/o Muniyappa & Others	Venkatappa S/o Doddamuniyappa & Others	Shankrappa S/o Gundlumuniyappa & Others	Road
Road	Patalappa S/o Puttaiah & Others	Road	Road	Vishwanath & Others	Krishnappa & Others	Nanjundappa & Others	Sinappa s/o Iranna & Others	Aralikatte	Ambedkar Samudhaya Bhavan & Others	Lakshmamma (Anand) & Others	Rajanna & Chikkabairappa & Others	Road	Lakshmana S/o Chikkamudiireguppa & Others	M Ramakrishna S/o Muniyappa & Others	Venkatappa S/o Doddamuniyappa & Others
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12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-	12,503/-
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Halu Utpadakara Sangh (Anganawadi)	S N Kempamma & Others	Sinappa s/o Iranna & Others	Vishwanath & Others	Krishnappa & Others	Nanjundappa & Others	Lakshmamma (Anand) & Others	Aralikatte	Ambedkar Samudhaya Bhavan & Others	Subbarayappa S/o Muniramaiah & Others	Rajanna & Chikkabairappa & Others	Krishnappa & Others	Lakshmana S/o Chikkamudiireguppa & Others	M Ramakrishna S/o Muniyappa & Others	Venkatappa S/o Doddamuniyappa & Others	Shankrappa S/o Gundlumuniyappa & Others
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119	118	117	116	115	114	113	112	111	110	109
29	42	43	41	44	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana
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431.43	428.65	339.08	1602.40	218.90	192.76	139.60	150.60	47.10	50.38	56.65
Road	Road	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 41	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana
Remaining portion of Sy. No 29	Remaining portion of Sy. No 42	Remaining portion of Sy. No 43	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 44	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road	Sampigehalli Gramathana	Road
Sy.no 42	Sy.no 43	Sy.no 44	Sampigehalli Gramatana	Sampigehalli Gramatana	Munishyamappa & Others	Kempaiah S/o Sonnappa & Others	Patalappa S/o Puttaiah & Others	Vishwanathappa & Others	S N Kempanna & Others	Road
Remaining portion of Sy. No 29	Sy.no 29	Sy.no 42	Sy.no 30	Sy.no 43	Sy.no 41	Sy.no 44	Muniraju S/o Kalappa & Others	Narasimaiah & Others	Kempaiah S/o Sonnappa & Others	Munishyamappa & Others
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33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-	33,000/-
1.S.Kenagaiah S/o Sonnappa 2.Ratnamma W/o Late Nanjappa 3.Sandeep Kumar S/o Late Nanjappa 4.Anjinappa S/o Dodda Munyappa 5.R.K Saroja W/o N Lakshmipathiubabu 6.Muninanjappa S/o Anjinappa 7. S.M Muninanjappa S/o Muninanjappa 8.S.M Ramanna S/o Late Muninanjappa 9.S.M Krishnappa S/o Late Muninanjappa 10.S.M Lakshman S/o Late Muninanjappa 11.S.M Anandkumar S/o Late Muninanjappa 12.J.Balaram Prasad S/o Late Janakiram Prasd 13.Umadevi W/o J Balaram Prasad & Others	1.Patalappa 2.P.Gopalappa S/o Puttaiah 3.V.Narashimamurthy S/o Puttaiah 4.Ratnamma W/o Late Nanjappa 5.Anupama D/o Late Nanjappa 6.Sandeep Kumar S/o Late Nanjappa	Munjappa 4.Kasturidevi W/o Late G.Srinivasaiah 5.G.Ravikumar Raju S/o G Sathyanarayana 6.Anmaiah S/o Govindappa & Others	1.B Vkrishnamurthy S/o Late Venkatchar 2.M.Mailari S/o K Munjappa 3.M Venkataram S/o K	1.Muninanjappa 2.Krishnappa 3.Ramanna 4.Lakshman 5.Anand Kkumar 6.M.Govinda Wadiyar 7.Subramanya 8.T.N Chandrakantha 9.Kandaswamy Wadiyar and others 10.Munisweny Wadiyar	-	Munirju S/o Kalappa & Others	Kempaiah S/o Sonnappa & Others	Munishyamappa & Others	Patalappa S/o Puttaiah & Others	Vishwanathappa & Others
DRC No. 0003095 LF No. 104 Land Extent of 408.76 Sq.m	DRC No. 0003146 LF No. 106 Land Extent of 133.77 Sq.m	-	DRC No. 0003076 LF No.104 Land Extent of 1802.30 Sq.m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				1.S.N Bachhama S/o Late Chikkanarasappa 2.S.N Anandamurthy S/o Late Chikkanarasappa 3.Narasappa S/o Jungappa 4.Narasimahah S/o Narasappa 5.Nanjappa S/o Karyanna 6.Ramaiah S/o Venkatappa 7.Nanjappa S/o Thimappa 8.Hanumath S/o Thimmappa 9.Kalavathi 10.T A Narayanarao S/o Annojirao 11.G.V Ravikumar S/o Sathyanarayana Raju 12.S.N Kempanna S/o Narasappa 13.S.A Harish S/o Late B Anjinappa 14.S.N Narayanagowda S/o Nanjappa 15.S.N Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjappa 16. Hanumantharayappa S/o Late Narasappa 17. Narasimahaih S/o Narasappa 18. R Anand Kumar 19.Shivukumar H A 20.S.Jayakumar S/o Shyamanna	Narasimaiah & Others					

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120	29	Vacant/ Building	-	345.54	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 29	Sy.no 27	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.S.Kemapaiah S/o Sonnappa 2.Ratnamma W/o Late Nanjappa 3.Sandeep Kumar S/o Late Nanjappa 4.Anjinappa S/o Dodda Muniyappa 5.R.K Saroja W/o N Lakshmipathiubabu 6.Munninanjappa S/o Anjinappa 7. S.M Munianjinappa S/o Munianjappa 8.S.M Ramanna S/o Late Muninanjappa 9.S.M Krishnappa S/o Late Muninanjappa 10.S.M Lakshman S/o Late Muninanjappa 11.S.M Anandkumar S/o Late Muninanjappa 12.J.Balaram Prasad S/o Late Janakiram Prasd 13.Umadevi W/o J Balaram Prasad & Others	-
121	30	Vacant/ Building	-	499.80	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 30 & Sy No 29	Sy.no 27	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.Gomala 2.Ramakarishanappa 3.Bachegowda 4.Muniraju 5.Anjinappa 6.Bairappa & Others	-
122	30	Vacant	-	727.16	Remaining portion of Sy. No 30	Road	Sy.no 41	Venkateshapuravillage boundary	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. Gomala 2.Ramakarishanappa 3.Bachegowda 4.Muniraju 5.Anjinappa 6.Bairappa & Others	-
123	27	Vacant/ Building	-	508.16	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 27	Sy.no 29	Remaining portion of Sy. No 27	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.S.V.Dasegowda S/o Venkatappa 2.S.V Nagaraj S/o Venkatappa 3.Bubairaju S/o V P Ramaraju 4.Uppalapati Ramadevi W/o U Venkateshwara Rao 5.Anjinamma W/o Late Ramaiah 6.Krishnappa S/o Late Ramaiah 7.Anjinappa S/o Late Ramaiah 8.Murthy S/o Late Ramaiah 9.Anand S/o Late Ramaiah 10.Nagaraj S/o Late Ramaiah 12.S N Narayanagowda S/o Nanjappa 13.S.N.Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjappa 14.Munishyamappa Urff Thammaiah 15.Thimmegowda 16.Nanjappa S/o Thimmappa 17.Basavarju 18.Vijay 19. Thimmegowda & Others	-
124	26	Vacant	-	746.43	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 26	Road	Venkateshapuravillage boundary	-	-	-	-	12,503/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.P.K Shetty S/o Peddushetty 2. Yashodha Shetty W/o P K Shetty 3.Chagan Lal S/o Punchandh 4.Narasimhaih S/o Narasappa 5.M Sunil Kumar S/o Muniraju 6.H.A.Somashekhar 7. E.Somashekhar Naidu S/o Late E Chandramma Naidu 8. K Balakrishnamma Naidu S/o K Keshavalu 9.Guru S S/o S Baskar Naidu 10.B Vijaykumar S/o S Bhaskar Naidu 11.V.Sulochana W/o V Shivaprasad 12.S.Subbayya S/o Late S Irappa Naidu 13.E.Prabhakar Naidu S/o Late E Chandramma 14. K Kusuma W/o K Balakrishnamma Naidu 15.Goutham S/o S Bhaskar Naidu 16.N.Lakshmi W/o Late Praksh Naidu 17.Kalpana W/o B Mohan Rao & Others	-
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125	3	Vacant/ Building	-	876.73	Remaining portion of Sy. No 3	Road	Sampigehalli village boundary	Remaining portion of Sy. No 3	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1.V.Nagarajappa 2.Basavaraju S/o Nanjappa 3.Lakshmamma W/o Basavaraju 4.Govindegowda S/o V Narayanaswamy 5.Rajagopalagowda S/o V Narayanaswamy 6.V Ramakrishnappa S/o Venkataswamappa 7.S.N Krishnamurthy S/o V Nagarajappa 8.N.Venkatapathi S/o V Nagarajappa 9.S N Kalpana D/o V Nagarajappa & Others	-
126	2	Vacant	-	61.26	Remaining portion of Sy. No 2	Road	Stream	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. Parvathamma S/o Bailamma 2.Chennakeshava S/o Kamalamma 3.Jayamma D/o Late Govindswamy 4.B.G Vasudev S/o Late Govindswamy 5.B.G Ramesh S/o Late Govindswamy 6.B.G Vishnuprasad S/o Late Govindswamy 7.B.G Girija D/o Late Govindswamy 8.B.G Manjula D/o Late Govindswamy 9.B.V Gopalaswamy S/o Late Veerappa 10.V.Sudhakarswamy S/o Late Veerappa 11.V.Nagarajappa 12.N.Venkatapathi S/o V Nagarajappa 13.N.Subramani S/o V Nagarajappa & Others	-
127	1	Vacant	-	652.87	Remaining portion of Sy. No 1	Road	Road	Venkatrshapura Gramatana	-	-	-	-				Parvathamma S/o Baiamma & Others	-
128	37	Vacant/ Building	-	322.08	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 37	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 37	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	1. N C Indira W/o B M Devarajappa 2. D Santosh S/o B M Devarajappa 3. Ramakrishnappa 4. N S Govindegowda S/o Narayanaswamy 5. S N Ravigopalgowda S/o Narayanaswamy 5. Indian Railways 6. K Lakshmidevamma W/o Anjanappa & Others	-

129	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant	-	726.47	Venkateshapura Gramathana & K B Babu & Others	Road	Sy no 1 & Venkateshapura Gramathana	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Kodanda Rama & Others	-
130	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	48.09	Narayanaswamy & Others	Sy No 37	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Mohan S/o Narayanaswamy & Others	-
131	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	64.32	Kavya W/o Ravi & Others	Mohan S/o Narayanaswamy & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Narayanaswamy & Others	DRC No. 003060/ LF No. 103 Land Extent of 65.03 Sq.m
132	Gramathana Khatha No.6/1/01/03	Vacant/ Building	-	60.74	Jayakumar & Others	Narayanaswamy & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Kavya W/o Ravi & Others	-
133	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	39.24	Nagarajappa , Ramakka, Lakshmi Narasimaiah& Others	Kavya W/o Ravi & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Jayakumar & Others	-
134	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	36.46	Kodanda Rama S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	Jayakumar & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Nagarajappa , Ramakka, Lakshmi Narasimaiah& Others	-
135	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	221.83	Ramanna S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	Nagarajappa , Ramakka, Lakshmi Narasimaiah& Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Kodanda Rama S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	-
136	Gramathana Khatha No. (Site No 6/1)	Vacant/ Building	-	66.67	Road	Kodanda Rama & Others	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	K B Babu & Others	-
137	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	139.09	Sonnappa S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	Kodanda Rama S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Ramanna S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	-
138	Gramathana Khatha No. Site No 7	Vacant/ Building	-	71.72	Suresh (Appu) & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Anandmurthy & Others	-
139	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Vacant/ Building	-	207.84	Sy no 22	Ramanna S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Sonnappa S/o Pillamuniyappa & Others	-
140	Gramathana Khatha No. Site No8/1 & 8/2	Vacant/ Building	-	74.02	Road	Anandmurthy & Others	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Suresh (Appu) & Others	-
141	Gramathana Khatha No. Site No 13	Vacant/ Building	-	58.53	Sy no 21	Road	Venkateshapura Gramathana	Road	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	Suresh (Appu) & Others	-
142	22/1	Vacant	-	531.24	Remaining portion of Sy. No 22	Venkatrshapura Gramatana	Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 22	-	-	-	-	14,282/-	23,100/-	33,000/-	B Anjanappa & Others	-
Total Extent to be Acquired (In Sq.m)				**39,905.38**													

Note:

- **The Market value of Land shall be subject to land conversion and development status to be decided at Form-III stage based on production of documents from the Land Owners.**
- **The Building extent shall be verified at the time of Form-III Public Notice stage based on the Building Valuation and Benefits of Development Rights Rules, 2016.**

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CORRIGENDUM-II

Purchase, Installation, Configuration & Integration of two Server System (Live & Backup) & Other Equipment with 05 Years Comprehensive Warranty along with 24x7 Technical Manpower at Data Center of Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court, Ranchi

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Application Notification No. 565/STBA/04-02/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of **Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA)** at the following Railway Stations over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved / General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for the period as mentioned against the station:

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category	Period of Contract
1.	Malleshwaram	MWM	NSG-6	03 Years
2.	Kolar	KQZ		
3.	Nittur	NTR		

Last Date and Time of submission of application:
10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. on 14.05.2025

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/29/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Bengaluru**

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ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಸಿಂಧನೂರು

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಕಾಸಿಂ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ:ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–04–2025

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(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
DIP/RCR/20/KSMC&A/20/2025-26 ನಗರಸಭೆ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division

Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&SD,
Panchayath Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.

Tender Notification No. : 02/E.E./R.D.W.S. & S.D./RMG/ JE-01/TPIA/43/2025-26 Date : 11-04-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPPP Portal only)

The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Kamataka State invites Tenders from eligible tenderers, for the works details below as per **Standard Tender Document. Two Cover Tender** procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The Tenders are required to be Submitted through E-Procurement mode through **E-portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Hiring and Empanelment of Third Party Agency Under Jal Jeevan Mission for Rural Drinking Water Works (in Village Distribution Works) Rural Drinking Water Schemes for RDWS&S Division Ramanagara** Schedule is given below.

1) Amount put to Tender Rs. 89.38 Lakhs, E.M.D. : Rs. 1,78,000/-, 2) Period of Contract : 12 Months (May Extend upto Maximum Period of 05 Years based on Satisfactory Performance) 3) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 22-04-2025 Upto 5.00 p.m., 4) Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 24-04-2025 at 11.00 a.m. onwards. 4) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 25-04-2025 at 11.00 a.m. onwards.

For further particulars details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W. & S. Department,
Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/28/Manipal/2025-26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No: BE-29-2025-26-OT-01

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of solar roof top power plants on Staff quarters and LC gates over Bengaluru Division under solarization of roof tops.	Rs. 21,97,57,278/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 30.04.2025**

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ General/Bengaluru

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JAPIT
Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology
(An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Jharkhand)
Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel – I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Phone. 0651-2401044/2401067, E-mail- japit_doit@rediffmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-Tender Ref No.: JAP-IT/ECOURTS/02/2025

Invitation of online bid through eProcurement portal i.e. https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/ for **Procurement of items/equipment's under Phase-III of eCourts Project for Hon'ble High Court, Ranchi, Jharkhand.**
The invitation of bid is open to all SI/SP who fulfilling the eligibility criteria as mentioned in this Request of Proposal (RFP) document and the bidder must also agree to terms and conditions mentioned under the RFP. Bidders are advised to study the RFP document and Terms & Conditions carefully and completely.

Tender Schedule

SN	Item	Description
1	eTender Ref. No.	**JAP-IT/ECOURTS/02/2025**
2	Name of the Work	Procurement of items/equipment's under Phase -III of eCourts Project for Hon'ble High Court, Ranchi, Jharkhand
3	Name & address of the issuer of this tender and Address of Communication / Place of bid Submission / Opening of Bids / Contact / Address	The CEO, Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP-IT) Ground Floor, Engineers hostel 1, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi -834004. Tel: 0651 -2401044/67 Email: ceo.japit@jharkhandmail.gov.in , japit_doit@rediffmail.com
4	Date of issue of tender Document	11/04/2025 (03:00 pm)
5	Start Date for online Bid Submission	12/04/2025 (03:00 pm)
6	Last Date for online Submission of Bids	21/04/2025 (03:00 pm)
7	Date of Opening of Technical Bids (online)	22/04/2025 (03:30 pm)
8	Date of Commercial Bid Open ing	To be informed later
9	Cost of Tender Document (non -refundable)	**Rs. 10,000.00** (Rs. Ten thousand only) through online Mode (Net Banking/RTGS)
10	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 20,00,000.00** (Rs. Twenty Lakhs only) through online Mode (Net Banking/RTGS)
11	RFP can be downloaded from	Downloaded from https://jharkhandtenders.g ov.in, https://jharkhand.gov.in & https://japit.jharkhand.gov.in However, in this case, the bidders are required to submit the tender cost online (Net Banking/RTGS) along with the Proposal. The entire Bid process will be through e - tendering.
12	Validity of Proposal	Proposals must remain valid 180 days after the Submission date.
13	Method of Selection	CBS method (L1 based).
14	Bid Submission	Bidders must submit Tender through onlin e mode only.

- The online generated receipt of the Tender cost and EMD must be submitted with online bid documents.
- EMD amount will be refunded to bidder through on-line mode in the same bank account through which on-line EMD payment have been made during the tendering process.
- Bids shall be submitted online through eProcurement portal i.e. https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
- JAP-IT will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason. For this, bidder is requested to upload the complete bid well advance in time so as to avoid last hour technical issues like slow speed; choking of web site due to heavy load or any other unforeseen problems/technical glitch.
- The Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tender(s) received without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Officer on Special Duty,
JAP-IT, Ranchi

PR 350191 (Information Technology) 25-26 (D)

CHITRADURGA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CHITRADURGA

Telephone No:08194 222984

CHINAPRA//TENDER/2025-2026 Date:11-04-2025

RETENDER NOTIFICATION (3rd CALL)

In the jurisdiction of Chitrdurga Urban Development Authority retender (3rd call) has been called for 3 different development works. Eligible contractors can participate in the tender. Last date for submission date:25-04-2025, 5.30 PM. For further Information look into https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 14/2025-26 **Sd/- Commissioner, Urban Development Authority, Chitradurga**

Office the Engineer-in-Chief, PRAMC

PWD, Bangalore 560001

No.: EIC/PWD/05/PRAMC/2025-26/49 Date: 09.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites Short Term Tender for Eight Road Safety works in Belagavi, Bengaluru, Mysore and Haveri Districts. Further details can be obtained from KPP Portal (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 11.04.2025, 05:30 PM Onwards.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/203/AKAR/2025-26 **Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD, Bengaluru.**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 08/2025 Date: 07.04.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time : 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty	Tender Due on
01	56251091	PVC Signaling Cable 12C x 1.5 Sq.mm	588 Kms.	**21.04.2025**
02	33255008	Bogie Frame Assembly for LHB coaches	25 Nos.	**23.04.2025**
03	60252042	GFN-66 Insulating Liners	606420 Nos.	**24.04.2025**
04	56251093	PVC Signaling Cable 2C x 2.5 Sq.mm	78 Kms.	**28.04.2025**
05	75241045A	Flooring Sheet Flexible PVC Size 14000x1620x2mm	1738 Nos.	**28.04.2025**
06	33255007	Bogie Frame Assembly with coil spring	20 Nos.	**29.04.2025**
07	30251327	Rubber spring pack 1000kgm capacity	2833 Sets	**30.04.2025**
08	30255002	Friction snubber assembly	800 Nos.	**19.05.2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/30/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category	Period of Contract
1.	Hebbal	HEB	NSG-6	03 Years
2.	Yeliyur	Y		

Last Date and Time of submission of application:
10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. on 28.04.2025

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/28/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/ Bengaluru**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **SMT.N.SHYLAJA** to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Allotment Letter issued by BDA in the name of **Sri.B.K.Srinivasa Rao**, vide No.BG/1475/SRK II Ph/79-80, dated 12.12.1979 in respect of Site No. 1475, measuring East to West 12.19 meters and North to South 9.14 meters, total measuring **111.42 Sq.mtrs.,** situated at **Sarakki 2nd Phase Layout, Bangalore** has been lost at the time of travelling. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Allotment Letter. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide **Lost Report No.0645307/2023, dated 17.07.2023.**

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **SMT.SUNITHA VASU** W/o Sri.N.Vasu, residing at: No.66, Sirsi Road, Near Sirsi Circle, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru – 560018.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing Municipal No.66, PID No.46-2-66, measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 72ft, situated at Sirsi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property of Ramadasappa
West by : Property of Chandmal
North by : Road
South by : Property bearing No.66/1

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

BEFORE THE 82ND ACC & SJ COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH-83), AT BENGALURU

Com. Ex. No. 531 of 2023
In
Com O.S. No. 8863/2015

BETWEEN:
Karnataka Soaps & Detergents LtD,
...Decree Holder.

AND:
Coproration Bank and Another
...Judgment Debtor

SUMMONS TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR Nos. 1 & 2

1) Corporation Bank, Industrial Finance Branch, No.30, Rallaram Building, Mission Road, Bangalore - 560027.
Now at: **Union Bank of India (formerly Corporation Bank),** No.635-C, New No 25-2, 1st Main Road, E Block, 2nd stage, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

2) M/s. Balaji Foods Processing Industry, No. 202, 2nd Main Road, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560072.

WHEREAS, the Decree-Holder has instituted an Execution Petition bearing Com. Ex. No. 531 of 2023 against you, the above two Judgment- Debtors for Decretal Amount of a sum of **Rs.1,43,36,203/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Three Only)** with costs and interest at 10% p.a. from the date of the suit till the date of payment, before the **Hon'ble Commercial Court, Bengaluru (CCH-83).** You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader on the **15th day of April 2025 at 11.00 A.M.**

Take notice that in default of your appearance, the Execution Petition will be disposed of *ex-parte*.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on the 15th day of March 2025.

By Order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar,
Commercial Court Uni
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Decree-Holder:
RAVI, SUNITA & SURI,
"Swathi", No. 123, 6th Main, Between 12th and 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JALLA SREENATH REDDY, S/o J.Krishna Reddy, R/at Thippigaripalli, Kota Gudibanda, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh-517236 do hear by declare that both names i.e, JALLA SREENATH REDDY and J SRINATH REDDY are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as JALLA SREENATH REDDY only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22/03/2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary D.SARALA KUMARI at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISHWANATH KADAPPA BELLUBBI,** S/o Mr. Kadappa, aged about 37 years, R/at 106, 'A' Block, 1st Floor, Sai Sanvi Grandeur Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Opp. Unlimited Showroom, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VISHWANATH BELLUBBI** a.k.a. **VISHWANATH .K BELLUBBI** to **VISHWANATH KADAPPA BELLUBBI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VISHWANATH KADAPPA BELLUBBI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11th April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

TENDERS

KERALA STATE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LTD.
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking)
Thiruvananthapuram – 14, Phone: 0471-2326947
www.ksie.net, email: ksieltd@gmail.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

KSIE invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the following for Kerala Soaps Factory Vellayil, Kozhikode :

1 From reputed firms/individuals for appointment as Stockists and Distributors to distribute "Kerala Soaps" products

2 From reputed and experienced manufacturers and suppliers for the design, manufacturing, and supply of bottles for liquid soaps of Kerala Soaps unit.

For more details visit www.ksie.net/tender. Last date of receipt of tender is 2.00 PM on 26/04/2025.

11.04.2025 MD, KSIE

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, BALLAPURAM SAI PRANAVI D/O BALLAPURAM RAGHAVENDRA KUMAR Aged 19 Years residing at D.No. 54, 5th Cross Venkataswamy Reddy Layout, T.C.Palya Main Road behind CVSR Appartments, Rammurthy Nagar Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore South, Karnataka-560016. I have changed my name as BALLAPURAM SAI PRANAVI (New Name) instead of BALLAPURAM PRANAVI.

TENDERS

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www.ksie.net, email: infra.ksieltd@gmail.com

RE-TENDER

Tenders are invited for the supply and commissioning 1 No large tunnel size Dual image X-ray machine (on buy back of old X- BIS) at Export Complex of Trivandrum Air Cargo Terminal. For details and tender form visit https://etenders.kerala.gov.in.

11.04.2025 MD, KSIE

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Thiruvananthapuram – 14, Phone: 0471-2326947
www.ksie.net, email: ksieltd@gmail.com

TENDER

KSIE invites Bids from reputed and experienced Digital Marketing Agencies for providing digital marketing services in connection with the marketing and sales promotion of "Kerala Soaps Products". For more details visit www.ksie.net/tender. Last date of receipt of tender is 2.00 PM on 26/04/2025.

11.04.2025 MD, KSIE

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(Left and below) Alhamn sofas and red dining chairs.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Future classics from *Stockholm*

Revealed at Milan Design Week 2025, IKEA's 96-piece line celebrates 'forever furniture' with high quality Swedish pine and woodland inspiration

Sujatha Shankar Kumar

In a country of long, dark winters, '*mys*' – Swedish for cosiness – has its fans and is another growing global trend after the Danish 'hygge'. It also resonates with Swedish giant IKEA's heartwarming furniture that stands for comfort, good design and affordability – in all, a phenomenon in a flatpack. This concept of 'flat' works well in a world that's getting flatter, according to Karin Gustavsson, creative leader of IKEA's *Stockholm* collection, which celebrates its 40th anniversary. "We found that families were becoming very similar everywhere," she says on a media webcast to explain why it works for contemporary lifestyles. Big houses are not affordable, fine dining rooms are outmoded and children do not stay in for dinner, notes Gustavsson, adding, "Someone has alcohol-free drinks, some have soda, some have wine." Flexibility was key. Her design team of Ola Wihlborg, Nike Karlsson and Paulin Machado worked in close collaboration. Their findings nudged their designs towards an informal dining table, wine glasses of a universal size, plates designed for sharing portions and sectional sofas that could be moved in a small elevator and assembled.

"It's not easy to design furniture as a flatpack," says Gustavsson, something IKEA designers have mastered. The entire design process (from conception to production), which normally takes three years, was scrunched in 2.5 for *Stockholm*. After the initial design phase, testing and meeting guidelines takes a long time. "Everything goes into climate chambers. The third phase is to build stock and ship it globally."

Launched at Milan Design Week on April 7, the new collection features 96 pieces for living and dining and as accessories.

The team's stand-out vision for 2025 was to create solitary pieces that let buyers curate their homes by mixing and matching. The Scandinavian love for a warm woodsy ambience is evident in the prominent use of pinewood and veneer. The designers set out to make statement pieces with a push for renewable and recyclable materials. With the Sundhamn sofa, designers Wihlborg and Karlsson aimed to substitute foam with coir. The result is a sofa with a 25-year guarantee, a combination of cotton weave, natural latex and coconut fibre in a visible frame of high-quality Swedish pine. Sofa covers are washable, as well as replaceable.

India story

Textile designer Paulin Machado has lived and worked in India, collaborating with Indian weavers to make handwoven rugs.

"Stockholm is a city built on islands," says Karlsson, referring to the 14 islands and 50 bridges across the Baltic Sea archipelago that make up the city. Here architecture amidst waterways and forests is a testament to how urban and nature are closely intertwined. "Our collection is also very much about that – a blend."

Meanwhile, Wihlborg recommends a boat ride through the archipelago. "You will see the water, the woods and the city!" he says. The bridging of Stockholm's old city and new is a metaphor for how older traditions meet contemporariness in this nature-themed collection: a lamp with tree patterns emblazoned on the shade and a rattan cabinet involving Indonesian weavers. In addition to beiges and browns, bold colours like blue for the sofa have been introduced. A striking blue glass bowl by Machado is a tribute to the mouthblown glass tradition of Sweden.

For the team, sustainability is about quality and long-lasting products. In the Alhamn sofa, their aim was to design it to hold its shape and comfort, even after extended use. "The goal is not to see the fittings," says Wihlborg about their seamless designs with reduced joinery, clean lines and minimal materials. Concealed fittings inserted at an angle allow for wider shelves without braces, giving a clean sophisticated appearance. A patented wedge dowel lets a chair's parts click together, without tools or metal fittings.

Complete 'family' range

Jasmeet Sood, IKEA India's Country Home Furnishing & Retail Design Manager, talks about selling solutions, based on insights into real time needs and dreams via IKEA's yearly survey, "Life at home". Sood discovered Indians like to furnish homes with a family range, rather than mix and match. Traditionally, IKEA furniture tends to be white, while Indians prefer vibrant colours. Here too, post-pandemic, people are looking for multifunctional furniture – a dining table where we can also socialise, perfect for small spaces.

Sood is convinced that the blue sofa is a winner, and across oceans, the IKEA design team feels the same. Ultimately, it's the minimalist Nordic aesthetic that's the most appealing, Scandinavia's gift to the historic timeline of design, hovering above excessive ornamentation and luxe, like a breath of fresh air. "*Stockholm* is a complete Scandinavian design statement," Gustavsson says.

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Platform-based gig workers' Bill receives State Cabinet approval

The Bill, which emphasises the rights of gig workers, proposes a welfare fee of 1% to 5% of the payout to the worker during each transaction. All such sums will go to the welfare fund for the workers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024 has introduced a two-tiered grievance redressal mechanism wherein the worker is required to approach the internal dispute resolution committee first. K. MURALI KUMAR

The State Cabinet has cleared the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, which aims to create a welfare fund for platform-based gig workers in the State and place obligations on aggregators. The government is expected to take the Ordinance route to implement the welfare provisions.

The Bill, which emphasises the rights of gig workers, proposes a welfare fee of 1%-5% of the payout to the worker during each transaction. All such sums received will go to the welfare fund for the workers.

Welfare board

A gig workers' welfare board will be established to ensure registration of workers by the platforms, welfare fee collection and implementation of social security schemes. Aggregators have been mandated to furnish their database of all gig workers to the board within 45 days from the commencement of the Act.

The Bill also seeks to introduce a Payment and Welfare Fee Verification System (PWFVS) in a bid to introduce transparency to the collection of welfare fee. Every payment made to the workers and the welfare fee deducted by the aggregators shall be sent to the system.

"The details of the welfare fee collected and spent at the gig workers' level shall be disclosed and made available on the Welfare Fee Verification System," reads the Bill.

As per the Bill, no worker can be terminated without a valid written reason and prior notice of 14 days, except in instances where they have caused bodily harm.

The Bill also places on the platforms the obligation to enter into transparent and fair contracts with the workers and stresses on the need for transparency with respect to the automated monitoring and decision-making system.

Working conditions

The platforms are required to provide a work environment that is safe and without risk to the health of the worker and are to ensure that the worker has adequate periods of rest and access to sanitary and rest facilities.

The Bill has also introduced a two-tiered grievance redressal mechanism wherein the worker is required to approach the internal dispute resolution committee first.

If the committee fails to provide an 'Action Taken Report' in 14 days or the worker is unsatisfied, the grievance will be forwarded to the board.

Multiple gig workers' unions have welcomed the Bill and called on other State governments to follow Karnataka's example by enacting similar legislations.

The Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers (IFAT) and the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU) termed it 'a historic moment' for lakhs of gig and platform workers nationwide.

'Bold and progressive'

"We applaud the Karnataka government for taking a bold and progressive step toward ensuring dignity, protection, and social security for gig and platform workers. This Bill brings us closer to justice and formal recognition. We urge the Karnataka Assembly to pass the Bill in the upcoming session without delay," said Shaik Salauddin, National General Secretary of IFAT.

Mohammad Inayat Ali, founder-president of Karnataka App-based Workers' Union, noted that the State has shown the way with a progressive step toward justice and dignity for platform-based workers.

SIT to probe further into 40% commission allegations levelled by contractors' body

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A delegation of the contractors' association having a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. FILE PHOTO

The State Cabinet on Friday decided to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe further into the 40% commission allegations made by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) during the BJP regime. The government has set a two-month deadline for the SIT to complete the probe.

The Cabinet decision came after the retired judge H.N. Nagamohan Das under whom a commission had been set up to probe the allegations, submitted a two-volume report to the government before the Cabinet met. Of the about 3 lakh works, the commission considered a sample of 1,729 works in which allegations of corruption were made.

Fresh allegations

Interestingly, this decision comes even as the Karnataka State Contractors' Association, recently wrote to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, alleging that contrary to assurances, seniority was not being followed while clearing pending bills in the Water Resources, Public Works, and Minor Irrigation underin the incumbent Congress government.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told presspersons in his post-Cabinet briefing, "There are specific observations in this report. We felt an SIT would be able to deal with it. The SIT will have technical experts and specialists in the field to assist in the investigation."

The government has fixed a two-month deadline for the Special Investigation Team to complete the probe

When asked if the Nagamohan Das Commission had proved the 40% commission allegations, the Minister was evasive. "You will get the report. We will also discuss it," he said. He did however confirm that the commission's report mentioned bribery.

The Minister said that the allegations pertained to work not done in conformity to what was sanctioned, higher payment made than what was sanctioned and in the case of some works, though the sanctioned amount was lower, higher amounts had been released.

Report to be studied

Acknowledging that the study of the full report was yet to be done, Mr. Patil said, "The full report has not been studied yet. We have gone through some of the details. After going through these, we have decided to form SIT."

He also said that the departments in which allegations of corruption have been made, have been asked to provide assistance to the SIT. The terms of reference for the SIT will be published soon.

Cabinet sub-committee announced to study whether NICE Road project should continue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The panel looking into the Bangalore-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor project being executed by the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise has to submit its report within three months. FILE PHOTO

A Cabinet sub-committee has been announced to look into the future of the Bangalore-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project being executed by the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise (NICE). The sub-committee, that is yet to be formed, will look into allegations of excess land being acquired, sale of land and other issues, and would explore whether the road project should be continued. The report is expected in two to three months.

The decision to form the sub-committee was made during the Cabinet meeting here on Friday. "A comprehensive discussion is not possible in one meeting. Technical and legal issues are to be considered. Terms of reference will spell out the reason for the sub-committee and its scope," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told presspersons in his post-Cabinet briefing.

When asked about the T.B. Jayachandra Committee report on the NICE issue, the Minister said that the sub-committee will take up the Jayachandra committee report for consideration. "The sub-committee can consider Public Accounts Committee reports, legislature committee reports, legislature proceedings, more than 100 affidavits that we have filed in courts, and orders of High Court and Supreme Court in the matter," the Minister said

He also pointed out that the discussion on the BMIC project began as early as 1998 when the Legislative Council witnessed about 30 hours of discussion.

The Cabinet also approved issuance of separate TDR for land utilised for road widening and land not used for road-widening. A told of 1,017 sq.m of land utilised for road widening will be issued TDR certificate separately.

Panchamasali Samaj trust to take a stand on seer in a week

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Lingayat-Panchamasali leaders, including former legislators Murugesh Nirani and Vijayanand Kashappanavar, at a meeting in Hubballi on Friday. KIRAN BAKALE

Lingayat-Panchamasali seer Basava Jaya Mrutynjaya Swami's open support and call for protest in favour of expelled BJP leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal has not gone down well with the Akhila Bharat Lingayat Panchamsali Samaj Trust, which has resolved to meet in a week to decide its future course of action.

On Friday, the trust members headed by chairman Prabanna Hunasikatti, general secretary Neelakanth Asuti, former legislators Murugesh Nirani, Vijayanand Kashappanavar, Mohan Limbikai, M.S. Akki, S.I. Chikkanagoudar and senior leaders of the community met in Hubballi and addressed a press meet condemning the actions of the seer.

Mr. Asuti, Mr. Limbikai, and Mr. Kashappanavar raised the issue of recent actions of the seer favouring Mr. Yatnal and a particular party, which they said was unbecoming of a seer heading a religious chair.

"Speaking in favour of an individual or a political party and questioning the stand taken by a political party against an individual is not what is expected from a seer. Previously, the trust had issued him notice over such actions and this time again his actions are not in line with the objectives of the trust," they said.

Mr. Kashappanavar even alleged that the initial acceptance of the previous government's decision on 2D reservation for the community was the result of a "deal" between the seer and the BJP government.

"However after the elders of the community convinced the seer about the futility of the order, he rejected it and reverted to community's earlier demand for the 2A category. Violating the trust guidelines, the seer has reportedly built institutions in his name, which is also being looked into," he said.

R. Ashok

BJP calls caste census 'unscientific'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok on Friday termed the caste census report, placed in the Cabinet on Friday, 'unscientific'.

Mr. Ashok told mediapersons in Bengaluru that he caste census enumerators did not visit every household.

'Political motive'

"This report was prepared under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's instructions. Since it has political motive, no one will accept it. This report was designed to sow discord among castes for someone's benefit," he alleged.

Congress has oppressed Dalits and the downtrodden, alleges BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP on Friday launched *Bheema Hejje - 100* commemorating the centenary of B.R. Ambedkar's visit to Karnataka, by accusing the Congress of oppressing Dalits.

Speaking at the inauguration in Bengaluru, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok said, "All these years, Congress has been the party oppressing the downtrodden. Even after 75 years of Independence, it did not uplift the Dalits."

Mr. Ashok further alleged that the Waqf Board had tried to take away the properties of a large number of Dalits. "When I visited various places in Karnataka to learn about land encroachments by the waqf, most of the complainants were Dalits," he claimed.

Fake documents submitted to Governor to malign CM: Lakshman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman on Friday said that petitioner H. Ramamurthy had manufactured 'fake documents' and submitted these to the Raj Bhavan seeking sanction for prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for providing "deemed extension" for C-category mines to eight mining companies in alleged violation of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 2015.

The same team led by Mr. Ramamurthy had submitted complaints to the lower court, High Court, Karnataka Lokayukta, CBI and Central Mining Department seeking action against the Chief Minister in the last 2 to 3 years, but no action was initiated so far, the Congress leader said. He said the allegations were politically motivated. Mr. Ramamurthy had complained against Mr. Siddaramaiah repeatedly to politically damage the Chief Minister's Office, he added. Mr. Lakshman said Governors' offices across the country had become 'de-facto BJP offices'.

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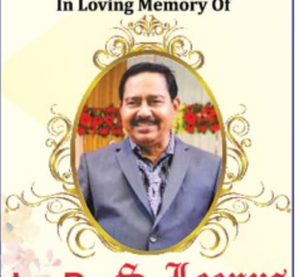

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HC allows govt. to take over land for Wayanad township

The petitioner company Elstone Tea Estate had claimed ₹549 crore as compensation; the court order says petitioner can withdraw the ₹26 crore already deposited by the State government

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday allowed the Kerala government to take physical possession of the land of Elstone Tea Estate for establishing a township for Wayanad landslides survivors by depositing ₹17 crore in the account of the High Court registry in addition to the ₹26 crore already deposited.

The Bench comprising Chief Justice Nitin Jamdar and Justice S. Manu passed the interim order while admitting a petition filed by Elstone Tea Estate seeking a directive to the State government to pay it the market value of the land being acquired for establishing the township.

Silver lining: Landslide survivors at Elstone Estate in Wayanad, which is acquired by the State to establish a township. FILE PHOTO

Symbolic possession

The court had earlier allowed the State government to take symbolic possession of the land on depositing ₹26 crore by the government. The court ordered that the petitioner will be at liberty to withdraw the ₹26 crore, with the High Court registry and the balance of amount of ₹17 crore in compliance with the terms and conditions that may be imposed by registry of the court.

The petitioner company had claimed a compensation of ₹549 crore. The company said "a non-transparent and secret procedure" was adopted by the government for determining the market value of the land. The petitioner also alleged that the government was taking over the land without issuing notice as stipulated under Section 21 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act and in gross violation of the mandatory procedure stipulated for acquisition of land in the Act. The right of the petitioner for compensation for the land under Article 300 A of the Constitution of India is illegally deprived of.

The petitioner pointed out that the inquiry as provided under the law was conducted "behind the back" of the petitioner. The action of the government was without jurisdiction and invalid. The government was not authorised to take possession of the land without paying the market value of the land. In fact, the action of the government was in gross violation of the principle of natural justice as the petitioner had been denied any opportunity to submit its objection to the determination of the value of the land.

Supreme Court reserves verdict on plea of ex-CM Yediyurappa

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has reserved its verdict on a plea of senior BJP leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa against an order reviving a corruption case against him. The Karnataka High Court, on January 5, 2021, allowed a plea of complainant A. Alam Pasha, who hails from Bengaluru, and revived his complaint.

Mr. Pasha alleged corruption and criminal conspiracy against Mr. Yediyurappa and former Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani and Shivaswamy K.S., former managing director of Karnataka Udyog Mitra.

The High Court ruled that the absence of prior sanction for prosecution – leading to the quashing of an earlier complaint – did not bar the filing of a fresh complaint once the accused had demitted office.

It did not allow criminal prosecution of V.P. Baligar, a retired IAS officer and former principal secretary of the State, in the case.

On April 4, a Bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra concluded the hearings and framed seven legal questions, primarily focusing on the interplay between various provisions of the PC Act and the CrPC on the issue of prior sanction to prosecute a public servant and power of the judicial magistrate to entertain a private complaint, order probe and an FIR.

Loco pilot rushes to help wife in labour, denied leave

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

A loco pilot who rushed to take his pregnant wife in labour pain to hospital was denied leave by Southern Railway.

On the night of April 8, 2025, Bibin Joseph was operating a goods train bound for Mangalore in the Palghat Division when he received an SOS from his wife saying she had developed labour pain. He continued to run the train for nearly three hours until it reached its destination.

After handing over the locomotive, he informed the Crew Controller about his wife's condition and applied for leave. As he was on duty, his mobile phone had been switched off. It was only during a scheduled stop that he noticed her messages, sources said. Mr. Joseph took the next train to Tiruvalla, his hometown. His wife was admitted to a private hospital, where she delivered a baby boy the next morning.

While celebrating, he received a message saying he had been marked absent from duty. No reason was cited for rejection of leave.

The All India Loco Running Staff Association condemned the move and blamed the Chief Crew Controller, Mangaluru. They urged the Southern Railway General Manager to intervene, calling the leave denial unjustified.

Southern Railway officials were unavailable for comment.

After controversial speech, T.N. Forest Minister Ponmudy stripped of DMK post

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The DMK stripped its senior functionary and Tamil Nadu Forest Minister K. Ponmudy of the post of deputy general secretary on Friday, after a video clip of his derogatory remarks on women went viral on Thursday.

The announcement was made in a terse statement from DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, issued on Friday.

Mr. Ponmudy's comments drew criticism from political leaders including those from the DMK, such as its deputy general secretary and Member of Parliament Kanimozhi. "The recent speech made by Minister Ponmudy cannot be accepted. Irrespective of the reasons for it, the derogatory speech is to be condemned," Ms. Kanimozhi said in a social media post. The clip shows Mr. Ponmudy linking Hindu religious symbols of Saivism and Vaishnavism to offensive references during a public event on April 6.

'Slip of the tongue'

Meanwhile, Law Minister S. Regupathy said Mr. Ponmudy's remarks may have been "casual" and a "slip of the tongue". When asked whether it was acceptable for a Minister to make such comments, Mr. Regupathy said he did not have the right to express his view on a senior Minister.

Removing Mr. Ponmudy from a party post was nothing but an eyewash, and the Chief Minister should sack him from the Cabinet, AIADMK legislator and Deputy Leader in the Legislative Assembly R.B. Udayakumar said.

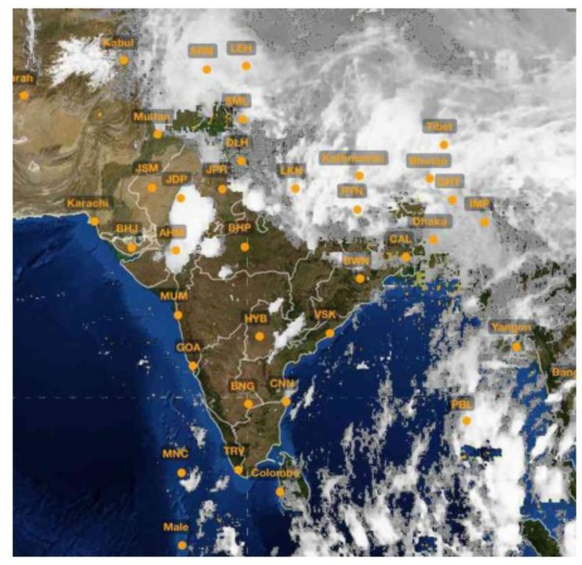
He said Mr. Ponmudy's speech was not only an insult to women, but also an attack on the Hindu religion.

AMMK founder T.T.V. Dhinakaran also demanded that Mr. Ponmudy be dropped from the Cabinet. "The indecent remarks made by Minister Ponmudy are condemnable. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin should think about whether he should continue to be a Minister," Mr. Dhinakaran said in a social media post.

Former AIADMK coordinator O. Panneerselvam also demanded that Mr. Ponmudy be sacked from the Cabinet. In a social media post, senior BJP functionary Narayanan Thirupathy asked Mr. Stalin whether he wanted Mr. Ponmudy to continue in his Cabinet.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.29	..21	.23	...139	...122	
Bengaluru	...6	..33	.34	71	...123	
Chennai	...7	8	.37	67	...118	
Delhi	.14	..53	.60	97	...201	
Hyderabad	.17	9	.47	87	81	
Kolkata	...6	..28	.20	57	56	
Lucknow	...6	..38	.23	75	...166	
Mumbai	.34	..47	.52	23	65	
Pune	.70	..17	117	...336	.....—	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..50	.23	58	96	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gurugram, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 305 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Motihari, Bihar recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-12/2024-25 dated 29.03.2025 published in this newspaper on 30.03.2025 the below mentioned sites have been withdrawn from the e-Auction. Details are as below.

Sl. No	Notification wise Sl.no	Layout	Site No.
1	22	Further Extension of Banashankari 6th Stage 4th 'B' Block	514
2	77	Banashankari 6th Stage 1st Block Turahalli Village	67

The below mentioned sites have been included in lieu of the withdrawn sites.

Sl. No	Layout	Block	Village	Sy. No.	Site No.	E-W (In Mtrs)	N-S (In Mtrs)	Total Area (in Sqm)	Rate per sq mtr-Rs.	Engineer Contact No.
1	Banashankari 6th Stage	11	Ganakallu	16	264	18.00	6.40	115.20	102000	8660907357
2	Banashankari 6th Stage	11	Ganakallu	16	275	18.00	12.80	230.40	102000	8660907357
3	Banashankari 6th Stage	11	Ganakallu	5	849	24.00	15.00	360.00	102000	8660907357
4	Banashankari 6th Stage	11	Ganakallu	5	850	24.00	14.00	336.00	102000	8660907357
5	Banashankari 6th Stage	11	Ganakallu	6	894	10.20	12.00	122.40	102000	8660907357

Further, Sites published in the notification in Sl. No. 78 to 80 should be read as belonging to Banashankari 5th Stage Uttarahalli and the dimensions of the Site of Banashankari 5th Stage Uttarahalli Village published in Sl. No. 11 is revised as below.

Sl. No	Layout	Village	Site No.	E-W (In Mtrs)	N-S (In Mtrs)	Total Area (in Sqm)
1	Banashankari 5th Stage	Uttarahalli	235	9.30	12.20	113.46

The other terms and conditions remain the same. BDA regrets for the inconvenience.

Sd/- Engineer Member

Government of Karnataka
Ayanur Sub Forest Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender/CR-01/2025-26 Date: 11.04.2025
Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Division as Forest Contractors for the year 2024-25 and having experience of growing of saplings of various sizes, advance works for forming of plantations and having experience of having carried out similar works as put to tender and having their own Sapling Nursery in the limits of the zone where works have to be carried out and having necessary facility for growing of saplings for implementation of "Advance Works (including growing of saplings)" in the limits of various Forest Zones of Shivamogga Forest Division including Change of places of implementation of work as mentioned in e-procurement portal, under various Head of Account based on expected grants for the year 2025-26. Last date for submitting tenders for the said works is fixed on 26.04.2025 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/51/04/64

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 48/2024–25/89–93 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09–04–2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 5054–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಯಡಿಯ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 20105) ಒಟ್ಟು 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1250.20 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 25–04–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/ /2025-26/114 Date:- 08.04.2025

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
	THESE WORK ARE RESERVED FOR SC CATOGERY				
1	PWD/2024-25/BR/WORK_INDENT18815/CALL-2	100.00	2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT18063	50.00
	General Work				
3	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT21299	150.00	11	PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT6908/CALL-2	18.00
4	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT19145	114.56	12	PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT20206	55.70
5	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT19990	489.54	13	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18603/CALL-2	60.00
6	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT20491	170.00	14	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18604/CALL-2	100.00
7	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT20095	50.00	15	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18600/CALL-2	100.00
8	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT19463	200.00	16	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18599/CALL-2	50.00
9	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT19462	300.00	17	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18232/CALL-2	150.00
10	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT10508	300.00	18	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT11019/CALL-2	200.00

1.Quarries of Tender On: **As Per kppp Portal.** 2.Last Date of Tender Submission On: **05.05.2025 @ 16.00 Hours.** 3.Tender Opening date On: **06.05.2025 @ 16.30 Hours.** 4.Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per kppp Portal.**
Note: Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in kppp Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/14

Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd.,
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL. M.L.B.C.C.Division No.2.
Naviluteertha-591116 TQ. Saundatti.Dist Belagavi.
Dn. e-mail: eemlbcnth@gmail.com Ph: - 08330-224500
No. MLBCC-2/DB/4701-security/E-tender/2025-26/41 , Dated : 07-04-2025
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through K.P.P. Portal system only)
(Two cover system)

Electronic percentage tender through e-procurement platform is invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Division No.2, Naviluteertha, on behalf of M.D., KNNL Bangalore for taking up the following work from the Eligible contractors registered under KPWD .The tenderers are required to apply in two cover system (as per KTTP act 2000)

(Work Indent Numbers. 2873), Estimated amount Rs.343.00 Lakhs.

1. Pre Bid Meeting on 11-04-2025 at 11.00 AM, 2. Last date of tender receipt : 16-04-2025 up to 4.00 PM. 3. Cover –I ,Technical, Bid will be opened on 17-04-2025 at 4.30 PM , 4. Cover – II, Financial Bid will be opened on 19-04-2025 after 11.00 AM.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-(V.K. Mudigoudar.)
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-76/KSMCA/2025-26 KNNL, MLBCC.Dn. no.2 Naviluteertha

BEFORE THE 82ND ACC & SJ COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH-83), AT BENGALURU
Com. Ex. No. 532 of 2023
In
Com O.S. No. 8856/2015

BETWEEN:
Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Ltd,
...Decree Holder.

AND:
Coproration Bank and Another
...Judgment Debtor

SUMMONS TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR No. 2

1) M/s. Balaji Foods Processing Industry, No. 202, 2nd Main Road, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560072.

WHEREAS, the Decree-Holder has instituted an Execution Petition bearing Com. Ex. No. 532 of 2023 against you, the Judgment- Debtors No. 2 for Decretal Amount of a sum of **Rs.1,10,19,766/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six Only)** with costs and interest at 10% p.a. from the date of the Suit till the date of payment before the **Hon'ble Commercial Court, at Bengaluru (CCH- 83)**. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader on the **15th day of April 2025 at 11.00 A.M.**

Take notice that in default of your appearance, the Execution Petition will be disposed of *ex*-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on the 15th day of March 2025.

By Order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar,
Commercial Court Uni
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Decree-Holder:
RAVI, SUNITA & SURI,
"Swathi", No. 123, 6th Main, Between 12th and 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003.

BEFORE THE 82ND ACC & SJ COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH-83), AT BENGALURU
Com. Ex. No. 533 of 2023
In
Com O.S. No. 8857/2015

BETWEEN:
Karnataka Soaps & Detergents LtD,
...Decree Holder.

AND:
M/s. Balaji Foods Processing Industry
...Judgment Debtor

SUMMONS TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR

1) M/s. Balaji Foods Processing Industry, No. 202, 2nd Main Road, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560072.

WHEREAS, the Decree-Holder has instituted an Execution Petition bearing Com. Ex. No. 533 of 2023 against you, the Judgment-Debtor No.2 for Decretal Amount of a sum of **Rs.3,33,14,791/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Only)** with costs and interest at 10% p.a. from the date of the Suit till the date of payment before the **Hon'ble Commercial Court**, **at Bengaluru (CCH-83)**. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader on the **15th day of April 2025 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Work in progress

Congress high command culture does not suit district-level decision-making

The All India Congress Committee (AICC)/ Congress Working Committee session in Ahmedabad, on April 8-9, aimed to convey the Congress's intent to usher in organisational reforms at the grass-roots level and bring ideological clarity. The capital city of Gujarat with a rich history in India's freedom struggle was a symbolic setting to reflect the crisis that the party is grappling with. The Congress has been out of power for 30 years in Gujarat, which is now closely associated with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's model of politics and governance. The conclave reaffirmed the party's commitment to constitutional values such as secularism, pluralism, federalism, and inclusive growth – principles that once defined the Congress and which, it alleges, are now under threat. Party leader Rahul Gandhi reiterated the focus on social justice, including the demand for a nationwide caste census and the removal of the 50% ceiling on quotas. These would form the basis for future policy initiatives of Congress governments in the States, as well as any government it may lead at the Centre. Another key aspect of the Congress's revival strategy hinges on its ability to build an effective party organisation at the grass roots. Signalling a shift away from its high-command culture, the party announced that district committees and district-level leadership would form the bedrock of decision-making and accountability.

While the deliberations signalled the party's seriousness about bouncing back, critical questions remain beyond idealism and symbolism. Almost all its State units are plagued by power struggles and factionalism, often damaging the party's electoral prospects. Whether district-level decision-making will intensify or contain factionalism is a question only the implementation of the revamp plan can answer. The attempt might be to squeeze the domineering regional chieftains between grass-roots leaders and the high command. It is also unclear how, when politics is increasingly centralised in terms of resources, messaging and planning, the Congress can achieve results by shifting authority to districts. In the absence of a clear road map – especially one that addresses the aspirations of India's youth and emerging middle class – the party risks retreating into nostalgia rather than crafting a forward-looking vision. Building on its legacy, the Congress now needs political imagination, strategic clarity and organisational discipline. The Ahmedabad session, for all its symbolism and sincerity, must be seen as a beginning. It is a work in progress, and the months ahead will test whether the session on the banks of the Sabarmati marks a true turning point or just another event in the party's ongoing quest for renewal.

Dire efforts

The conservation argument for resurrecting dire wolf is not credible

Colossal Biosciences is an American company with an unusual marketing line: combining genomics with conservation – not in its traditional form, but through de-extinction, which is resurrecting species extinct for thousands of years. Leading this project is Harvard geneticist George Church, a prominent promoter of the company, who aims to bring back the woolly mammoth, a distant ancestor of the elephant. The stated logic is to combat global warming. During the Pleistocene Ice Ages, the mammoth roamed lush grasslands across the tundra. Until its extinction around 5,000 years ago, the Arctic tundra also supported large populations of bison, wolves, cave lions, and giant deer. As the climate warmed, these species disappeared, and the grasslands gave way to shrubbery and sheets of snow. As temperatures rise, permafrost begins to disappear, resulting in high emissions of methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. To prevent this, some scientists at a Siberian park have been transporting large animals that are resistant to cold to see if their foraging can restore the grasslands. Grass absorbs less heat than the tall trees in a shrub forest – the dominant species – and therefore decelerates warming, but it cannot stop warming.

The woolly mammoth, though extinct, is seen as a potent weapon in this climate plan. Scientists at Colossal have extracted fragments of its DNA from fossils and reconstructed its genome. By comparing it to that of the modern elephant, they have edited specific genes to recreate mammoth-like traits, with the goal of eventually incubating a hybrid embryo in an elephant's womb. Scientists have also experimented with the dire wolf, an extinct relative of the gray wolf, and birthed three snow-white wolves. However, this claim has yet to pass rigorous peer review. Critics point out that only 20 genes were edited, and what has been created is, in essence, a "strange-looking gray wolf". Despite such criticisms, the technological achievement is a testament to the ability to engineer precision edits to the genome. The work of Chinese scientist He Jiankui, who claimed to have produced gene-edited human babies, remains controversial. Colossal may be credited for its genomics work, but the claim that it is reviving species for conservation is not credible. Thousands of living species are vanishing due to habitat loss and human encroachment. Spending millions of dollars on speculative projects, whose benefits, if there are any, will fructify only over centuries, takes away resources from immediate conservation efforts. The scientific community must lay down strict guidelines on the use of gene-editing technology in applications other than health.

The Beijing India Report as milestone and opportunity

"It breaks my heart to see girls dropping out of school due to climate change and migration," says a *didi* from Dhanelikanhar village in Kanker, Chhattisgarh. "This generation was supposed to do better." It has been 30 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a landmark international agenda outlining an action plan for gender equality across 12 dimensions such as education, health, economics and politics. It has helped India focus attention on gender perspectives in policies, pass the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) or POSH Act, and push for the economic empowerment of women. Yet, the implementation of these laws often falls short, resulting in a gap between fundamental rights and women's lived experiences.

Neeraja Kudrimoti

is an Associate Director of Climate Action at Transform Rural India, and a catalytic leader in climate action, rural development, public policy and grassroots transformation

An important integration

Gender inequality and the climate crisis are one of the greatest challenges of today, which the quote above highlights. It also shows the need to integrate 'gender and climate' especially for rural communities. The inadequacy of a robust climate lens in the Beijing India Report 2024 (India's Report on Beijing+30) is a significant opportunity – integrating gender and climate considerations is not just an imperative for achieving gender equality but is also essential for India's sustainable and resilient future and human rights.

Existing inequalities, especially in India's rural areas, leave women and girls with less access to resources and decision-making power. They are often concentrated in the agrarian economy. The link between climate change and issues among women due to extreme heat exposure, malnutrition caused by droughts, food insecurity, and displacement leading to a higher rate of hysterectomies, infertility and menstrual health concerns is an area of concern. Heat stress and/or extreme precipitation affect/s agriculture productivity, human productivity and ecosystem functionality, causing price fluctuations, loss in income, distress migration, damaged infrastructure and hampered services for women. It results in nearly 33% losses in income, especially from non-farm livelihood streams.

If we look at climate policies and finance, they are primarily directed towards clean energy, green transport and energy efficiency. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, approximately 6% of climate policies mention women, 1% mention people living in poverty and 6% mention farmers. At the household or family level, the increased burden of unpaid care work (water collection, fuel gathering) due to climate-related resource scarcity affects women. The daily workload of women in India exceeds eight hours, with a staggering 71% unpaid work hours, according to a new report from Arsht-Rock. It warns that without efforts to combat climate change, the time women spend on unpaid tasks could reach 8.3 hours a day by 2050.

> The report has an inadequate 'climate-gender' connection, which must be rectified with policy and ground-level changes

In India, over 50% of pregnant women are anaemic, which is an underlying cause or contributing factor to maternal deaths in India. The lack of consistent access to food affects women's health, as those experiencing food insecurity are 1.6 times more likely to suffer from anaemia when compared to their food-secure counterparts. In India, which has the highest rate of intimate partner violence among the countries in the study, there was a clear correlation between temperature rise and abuse: for each rise in degree Celsius, physical violence rose by 8% and sexual violence by 7.3%.

The role of women in adaptation

Women play a vital role in climate adaptation and mitigation. Their traditional knowledge of sustainable agriculture and natural resource management is crucial in safeguarding the ecosystem in rural areas. Rural indigenous women are primarily responsible for preserving traditional climate-resilient seeds suitable for local climatic conditions. These need to be harnessed in the local decision-making processes and leadership in women-led climate initiatives. Women are responsible for half of the world's food production and have organically adapted to climate change by using sustainable agriculture. There are many formal and informal women collectives that have shared workloads, have worked on increasing productivity, and are the first responders in disasters and safeguarding the local ecosystems. For women in urban areas, waste management and pollution could be the priorities, but for indigenous women, the three 'M's, i.e., Mahua (forest-based livelihoods), Mao (safety and security due to conflicts over resources) and Migration (distress migration and the related challenges and support required), could be priorities.

The Beijing India Report has an inadequate climate-gender connection, which must be rectified. It must include a robust climate lens with a focus on having gender-responsive climate action, developing indicators and data related to the gendered impacts of climate change and also building insights.

There needs to be a special focus on climate budgeting, which generally results in two things – greenwashing and using women as conduits to redirect resources. Hence, it is necessary to design and use gender-audited and gender-responsive climate budgets. Women in rural areas must have platforms to empower them in climate decision-making. A need for climate support hubs, especially for disaster support, health and women's safety services, awareness of migration risks, and protection of sexual and reproductive rights is strongly felt by women.

Facilitating community climate consultations that are inclusive of women, and promoting women's leadership in both green energy initiatives and local political leadership on climate action are crucial. By investing in women's education and capacity in climate action and promoting women-led climate initiatives, the consequences of gender invisibility can be turned around. Human-animal conflict also needs to be explored with a gender lens. More aggressive data and research dedicated to climate and gender is needed on the gender-climate nexus in India. Closing the gender gap in agricultural resources could significantly increase food production, with potential gains of 20%-30% in farm yields and the capacity to feed 100 million to 150 million more people.

At the policy level, a gender responsive National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) and a percolation to the grass-root level needs to be ensured. A special focus on strengthening disaster preparedness and response with a focus on vulnerable women, leveraging public services, addressing trafficking risks, and reaching out to geriatric women are crucial. There need to be immediate and aggressive policies on livelihood diversification by promoting non-farm livelihoods and skilling opportunities for women to adapt to the impacts of climate change on agriculture.

Private sector participation is important

Green funds must focus on fostering women-led and women-supportive innovations, having technological interventions, and ensuring women's participation in a green economic transition, by developing green businesses, products and services. More funds must be redirected to human capital at the forefront of climate adaptation and mitigation space, especially in climate-vulnerable areas, to build resilience. The role of the private sector is important as it will help in investing in climate-related projects that specifically empower women, promote gender-inclusive practices and processes, and provide access to climate-resilient technologies and services that benefit women disproportionately affected by climate change impacts.

There need to be co-operative partnerships between government, civil society, research institutions, the private sector, citizens and international organisations. In all these the emphasis must be on knowledge sharing, regular communication, consultations, capacity exchange, recognition of champions and best practices, and collective advocacy to empower women as leaders in building climate resilience for a more just and sustainable future in India.

Giving shape to the university of the future

The National Education Policy proposes to change India's siloed higher education system by establishing large multidisciplinary educational institutions. The emphasis will be on having a more cross-disciplinary education, a pedagogical shift towards "communication, discussion, debate, research, and opportunities for cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary thinking", and interdisciplinary research.

How do we transform the existing system of universities, colleges, and the research ecosystem in India to achieve these objectives? The answer: a progression from a multidisciplinary campus or university space to a cross-disciplinary collaborative teaching and research practice, interdisciplinary thought and also research based on integrated disciplinary frameworks.

Multidisciplinarity is the existence of multiple disciplines in a single project or programme without seeking interaction. Disciplines exist parallel to each other, with each applying their own disciplinary methods and perspectives and maintaining boundaries. Cross-disciplinary approach expects collaboration between different disciplines without emphasising knowledge integration. It works towards creating connections and fostering dialogue between disciplines. An example would be an educationist and an economist writing this article. An interdisciplinary approach on the other hand, integrates insights, methods, and concepts from different disciplines to address complex real-world problems. It goes beyond collaboration, leading to the synthesis of knowledge across disciplinary boundaries.

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The multidisciplinary campus

Phasing out single stream institutes of higher education (IHE) to establish a multidisciplinary campus can work in two ways. First, by adding departments to expand the existing core disciplinary focus – for example, the Indian Institutes of Technology are adding or strengthening their humanities and social sciences, offering integrated masters programmes in economics and allied disciplines. Second, creating university clusters by connecting existing institutions – for example, a commerce college can collaborate with an arts and science college to create a cluster university. This requires administrative streamlining and not just academic collaboration. Clustering single stream institutions might be a cost effective and time efficient way of creating large multidisciplinary institutions in the short term. However, according to the 2020-21 All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE), a significant proportion of institutions are undergraduate colleges, 35% of these are single stream, and many of these are only B.Ed colleges, making it difficult to find appropriate disciplinary variety nearby that is suitable for clustering.

> Creating a higher education structure in India that implements the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 will need to be a well-thought-out plan

In addition to repurposing existing IHEs, new multidisciplinary universities will have to be established to reach the goal of having "at least one in or near every district" by 2030. It would be wise to establish a single multidisciplinary campus in a district rather than have one institution with multiple campuses across districts to maximise educational and research efficiency. Research shows that while public universities have a higher educational efficiency, they have lower research efficiency because they need to manage multiple campuses.

Cross-disciplinary learning and practice

The university of the future cannot be just a collection of multiple departments. It needs a disciplinary faculty that is open to collaboration and diverse points of views, and experienced in working across disciplines. To achieve this in the long run, students (i.e., faculty of the future) and current faculty need exposure to different disciplines. This cross-disciplinary approach to learning starts with students taking courses across departments outside their core discipline. The next step is to encourage and facilitate cross-disciplinary research and projects to solve complex problems.

At this stage, faculty and students are expected to bring in their disciplinary knowledge, collaborating and fostering dialogue between the disciplines. This can lead to the creation of cross-disciplinary courses – for example, a course titled 'Economic changes and class structures as seen in Indian cinema, in collaboration with the economics, sociology, and film studies faculty'.

Incentivising such cross disciplinary courses, projects or centres needs additional funding to sustain it over multiple years. The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) programme in the United States is a good example of substantial investment in having teachers and researchers of the future with a "breadth of skills, strengths, and understanding to work in an interdisciplinary environment while being well grounded with depth of knowledge in a major field".

On inter-disciplinary thought

Cross-disciplinary learning and practice expects collaboration between disciplines. On the other hand, interdisciplinary thinking and research requires drawing deeper connections between disciplines and the creation of integrated frameworks. Can cross-disciplinary research and practice really reach this ideal? In the experience of the writers of this article of the Integrated Graduate Research Traineeship (IGERT), this was achieved in some cross-disciplinary combinations such as biotechnology, medicine, chemistry and biology. However, for disciplines such as engineering and architecture, participating students reported challenges in finding publication venues for integrated research, securing and advancing in academic employment, as they did not fit in any particular discipline. Thus, to avoid interdisciplinarity from sliding into traditional practice, there is a need to overhaul funding and the publication ecosystem as well as faculty hiring/promoting practices.

The cost implications of all these changes will be enormous and staggered over several years. This will require reprioritising public spending. The governance and regulatory changes to achieve this also need to be carefully thought out. The fact is that we are trying to create a higher education structure that broadly resembles the American system at its zenith, which has organically grown over a century, in one of the most unregulated and competitive environments.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tariff 'war'

Yes, only China is in a position to 'fight to the end' in an American-imposed tariff war. The flip-flop by U.S. President Donald Trump is baffling. Perhaps Mr. Trump should realise that in the modern era, the U.S. cannot dictate terms to the world. It has to adopt a 'live and let live' policy instead of trying to impose its hegemony on the world.

Govardhana Myneedu,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Court on Governor

The post of Governor and his/her high office, once regarded as an apolitical ombudsman for more than 70 years, is now reduced to a 'rubber stamp'. Ironically, the judiciary observed only the actions of the Governor, i.e., sitting on Bills for a long time and returning them without assent, but not the contents of those Bills and the reasons for rejection. Our "elected representatives" with little or no qualifications pass many pieces of legislation on matters of national importance. Academic freedom without political interference is the hallmark of higher education. Allowing governments to select Vice-Chancellors for State universities will cause trouble.

Koteswara Rao Mamidi,
Hyderabad

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Banners calling for justice for Santosh Deshmukh at the entrance to Massajog village in Beed district. Santosh was murdered on December 9, 2024. EMMANUAL YOGINI

A murder that has widened caste fault lines

Last December, a sarpanch in Massajog village in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra was murdered. The incident led to the resignation of Dhananjay Munde, a Minister of the Nationalist Congress Party, after his aide turned out to be a key accused person in the case. **Vinaya Deshpande Pandit** reports on how the incident has highlighted the problem of extortion gangs in Beed and widened the rift between Marathas and Vanjaris

In Massajog in the Beed district of Maharashtra, a *pendal* (temporary structure) has been erected outside the village temple, in the shadow of a 100-year-old tamarind tree. Under the shamiana, on a table, is a garlanded photo of Santosh Deshmukh, the 45-year-old sarpanch of the village who was brutally murdered on December 9, 2024. Next to the table hangs another frame, again with Santosh's photo and a fighting fist with the caption, '*Nyay pahije* (We want justice)'. A large hoarding reads, 'Our king needs justice!' Photos of a smiling Santosh are on hoardings all over the village.

Santosh was a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) worker and belonged to the politically dominant and economically influential Maratha community, considered upper caste. According to the Maharashtra police, he was kidnapped, pushed into a black car, disrobed, beaten with rods and pipes for hours, and urinated on, before being dumped on a road near the village on December 9. The police say the murder took place after Santosh confronted a few people who were allegedly trying to extort money from a windmill company at the company's premises.

Videos and photos of the murder, allegedly shot by those now accused, went viral on social media and caused outrage across the State. In late December, Walmik Karad, a close aide of Dhananjay Munde, the Maharashtra Food and Civil Supplies Minister who belongs to the Nationalist Congress Party, allegedly surrendered to the police in connection with the case. The Opposition relentlessly demanded Munde's resignation to ensure an impartial inquiry. On March 4, three months after the murder, Munde finally resigned.

Both Karad and Munde belong to the Vanjari community, an Other Backward Classes (OBCs) group which holds sway over 36 of the 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra. Munde hails from Beed district in the Marathwada region, which has been witness to intense social strife between the Marathas and the regionally dominant Vanjaris for the last two years. This friction began primarily with the Maratha agitation, which demanded reservation for the community. The murder of Santosh Deshmukh has exposed the widening fault lines between the Marathas and the OBCs.

Simmering tensions

It has been four months since Santosh died, but people from neighbouring villages and districts continue to flock to Massajog every day to meet the sarpanch's family. Santosh's brother, Dhananjay Deshmukh, sits on one of the red mattresses in the pendal, greeting visitors.

Santosh was a popular sarpanch. The residents of Massajog say they have funded thousands of cups of tea and sugarcane juice that are served to those who come to pay their respects.

"We don't count the number of people who come here daily. But one day, we exhausted all the 2,000 paper cups we had brought to serve visitors," says Pritam More, a resident.

The sarpanch of a village from western Maharashtra, who had driven for five hours to reach Massajog, says, "This family has shown a lot of courage. There is a lot of anger within the community. The situation is volatile. But a common man like Dhananjay Deshmukh has stood against lawlessness. We support him."

> Local MLAs have helped these extortion gangs, which now feel emboldened to do anything
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> **KALIDAS APET**
> Senior leader from Shetkari Sanghatana, a farmers' union

The anger that he refers to not only stems from the murder, but also from what allegedly happened after. The villagers claim that they had to protest and block roads for two days after Santosh was killed because the police refused to file a First Information Report (FIR).

"The FIR was registered only after Manoj Jarange Patil came here to support us and insisted that an FIR be registered," says Dhananjay. Patil is an activist who has been advocating for reservation for the Marathas. The police claim there was no delay in registering the offence.

The social tension between the Marathas and Vanjaris is so intense now that residents of Beed say the communities do not visit shops belonging to each other or attend events hosted by the other community.

The Beed police say they have had to drop their surnames from their name plates, as the residents allegedly began to attribute motives to police personnel on the basis of their surnames. "This was done so that there is a sense of camaraderie within the force. It is giving us good results. My people feel confident of standing on the streets for duty. It has reduced caste bias. It sends a message to the people that we won't judge you on the basis of your caste and we will work according to the law," says Beed Superintendent of Police Navneet Kanwat.

But Namdev Nagargoje, who hails from Beed, says the rot runs deep. "Society is polarised. I had recently met a friend and asked him to come with me for a cup of tea to a shop nearby. He took me to a shop much further away saying the shop closer to us belonged to a person from the other community and should be boycotted. I don't see any future for our next generations here if this continues," he laments.

Kalidas Apet, a senior leader from Shetkari Sanghatana, a farmers' union, explains the caste-based volatility. "The Marathas are numerically dominant here (in Beed), followed by Muslims, Vanjaris, Malis, and Salis. The region didn't have caste volatility. Many legislators we had voted for traditionally had been from different castes. But things have changed in the last few years."

Kalidas Apet, a leader of Shetkari Sanghatana, in Beed. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Apet says the people who murdered Santosh are a part of what are known as "recovery gangs". He says, "These gangs have been created to extort money from contractors in this district, who are carrying out development projects. Local MLAs have helped these gangs, which now feel emboldened to do anything."

The gangs of Beed

The Maharashtra Crime Investigation Department (CID) filed a 1,400-page charge sheet in the case, naming nine men. One of them is still absconding. The prime accused is Karad. Corroborating the charge sheet, the residents of the village pieced together the sequence of events that occurred on December 6, 2024.

"If they (Karad and accomplices) had not demanded extortion money from the windmill company, our sarpanch would not have gone there," says Jalinder Deshmukh from Massajog, who belongs to Shetkari Sanghtana. "They demanded ₹2 crore from the company, abused the security guard who was from our village, and trespassed on the office premises. Our sarpanch went to resolve the issue and they held that against him. They got angry that someone thwarted their extortion bid."

Though the Beed police registered three separate cases – of an extortion bid; trespassing and atrocity against the guard; and the murder of Santosh Deshmukh – the CID said that all the three cases were linked and filed a collective charge sheet.

Dhananjay Deskhmukh recounts what happened on December 9. He received a panicked call from Shivraj, Santosh's cousin, who told him that the two of them had been heading to their village by road when they were intercepted by a black SUV. The men in the SUV, who were carrying weapons, assaulted both of them and kidnapped Santosh, he says. Shivraj urged Dhananjay to lodge a complaint with the police.

Dhananjay says, "One of the accused men, Vishnu Chate, kept telling me that my brother would return in 20 minutes. The police inspector and the sub-inspector also kept telling me that he would return. (The inspector was transferred and the sub-inspector was suspended.) I trusted them and that was my mistake. Had the police not been there, I could have saved my brother."

He says though most of the accused people have been nabbed, the investigation is not complete. "What is the reason behind this crime? Who had ordered this murder? What was the motive? Who is the person behind these gangs and gang wars? All these aspects need to be probed," he says.

Dhananjay also claims that the police were planning to take his brother's body to a woman's place in another village to defame him. "This was averted because we kept looking for him. As soon as we realised that a vehicle was carrying his body, we started chasing it. That is why they were forced to return," he says.

More says with his eyes welling up, "Our *anna* (older brother) was kidnapped at 3.23 on the afternoon of December 9. Those who kidnapped him are not human beings; they are demons. The videos show that when he was on his deathbed, *anna* asked for water. These demons urinated in his mouth." More says this brazen act of murder was intended to create an atmosphere of terror in the area. "They (the accused) were confident that their political masters will save them," he says.

Jalinder Deshmukh says Massajog has never been witness to such a terrible crime, at least in recent times. "We had heard that such incidents took place in Parli (Dhananjay Munde's constituency), but not here," he says. "Those who killed him are mere pawns. Their masterminds should be probed. How is it that these young men who had no jobs and couldn't even afford a roof over their heads have fancy cars? All these things need to be probed thoroughly," he says.

Several people claim that there are many small extortion gangs operating in the region. They allege that there exists a nexus between politicians, the police, and these criminal gangs, which makes it difficult for them to register complaints.

The rise and rise of Dhananjay Munde

Dhananjay Munde is the nephew of the late BJP leader, Gopinath Munde, and cousin of Maharashtra BJP minister Pankaja Munde. He won the Assembly elections in 2024 by a record margin of 1.4 lakh votes from Parli. When he was sidelined within the BJP, with Gopinath Munde favouring his daughter over his nephew, Dhananjay Munde switched to the NCP in 2012.

He is reportedly close to NCP leader Ajit Pawar and also to BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis, who is now Chief Minister. Munde's quick rise from being a Member of Legislative Council in 2010 to being the Leader of the Opposition in 2014 and to becoming a Minister from 2019 led to many raised eyebrows in political circles. Munde's supporters claim that leaders across party lines are jealous of his meteoric rise.

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> Brother of Santosh Deshmukh

A close aide of Munde demands to know why he is being targeted. He says, "Every other big political leader runs gangs here (in Beed). Why is Munde being singled out? Since it is easy to blame one leader, everyone has jumped on the bandwagon. Other political leaders want to remove him from the political race."

Apet says Munde's prominent status remains a puzzle. "We don't understand how he has become so powerful that nobody is willing to speak against him," he says. "These extortion gangs were operating in Beed when he was the Guardian Minister (between October 2023 and November 2024). Uddhav Thackeray was the Chief Minister then. Now, Fadnavis is Chief Minister and Home Minister, and law and order has broken down. But neither Thackeray nor Fadnavis has said a word against him. What makes Munde so powerful that no top leader from any party speaks against him?"

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde says, "This case has spoilt the image of Maharashtra as a progressive State where law and order is maintained. These demons need to be taught a lesson so that such an incident is never repeated in the State. The government is behind this case in full strength. I have spoken with Dhananjay Deshmukh."

On April 10, Karad filed a discharge application in court, claiming he was not involved in the crime. Though a charge sheet has been filed against him, charges are yet to be framed.

Social activist Anjali Damania says little can be expected from the political class in Maharashtra. "According to the Association for Democratic Reforms, 118 of the 288 MLAs of the Maharashtra Assembly have serious offences against them, including rape, attempt to murder, and murder. And these are the people who sit in the legislature and make laws for us. What vision will they have to take the country forward? For them, democracy is ripping off the people first. Then they give people small inducements," she says.

Meanwhile, Santosh's family, including his teenage daughter who aspires to become a fashion designer after writing her Class 12 examination this year, braces for a battle that is sure to be emotionally fraught and long-drawn.

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AIADMK, BJP seal deal for 2026 election in T.N.

Mr. Shah addressed journalists alongside Mr. Palaniswami, AIADMK leaders S.P. Velumani and K.P. Munusamy, BJP State president K. Annamalai and State president-elect Nainar Nagenthran. Mr. Shah later went to Mr. Palaniswami's residence for dinner.

When asked about whether Mr. Annamalai's leadership in the State was responsible for the AIADMK's exit from the NDA in September 2023, Mr. Shah negated the suggestion and made light of it. "Even today he [Mr. Annamalai] is the State president and that is why he is sitting with me here." He added that the internal affairs of the BJP should be left to the party.

Corruption is the biggest issue in the State, he said. "People of Tamil Nadu are seeking answers from Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on several scams."

The elections will be fought under the leadership of Mr. Modi at the national level and under the leadership of Mr. Palaniswami in Tamil Nadu.

While responding to a question on whether the AIADMK and BJP will form a coalition government if the alliance is voted to power in Tamil Nadu in 2026, Mr. Shah said, "Yes. We will form a coalition government. We will fight the elections under the leadership of Edappadi*ji* [Edappadi K. Palaniswami]."

Asked if BJP MLAs would be part of the State Cabinet if the alliance formed the government, he said, "We will decide after winning the elections." He also said the AIADMK did not place any demands and conditions for joining the alliance.

Responding to a question on whether expelled AIADMK leaders O. Panneerselvam and T.T.V. Dhinakaran would also become a part of the NDA or whether he wanted a united AIADMK, Mr. Shah said, "We will not interfere in the internal affairs of the AIADMK."

Mr. Shah listed the measures taken by the Centre to honour the Tamil language and culture, including the installation of a *Sengol* (a golden sceptre) in Parliament, and establishing Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Shah visited the residence of senior BJP leader Tamilisai Soundararajan, a former Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, to pay respects to her father and veteran Congress leader Kumari Anathan, who passed away recently. Mr. Shah also held a meeting with *Thuglak* Editor S. Gurumoorthy for more than an hour on Friday afternoon.

China imposes 125% tariff on U.S. goods

China's new tariffs of 125% against U.S. imports will be effective from Saturday, China's Customs Tariff Commission said.

The announcement follows the U.S. move to raise the "reciprocal tariffs" on Chinese imports to 125%. The U.S. later confirmed the total tariff on Chinese products was 145%, with the inclusion of 20% levies announced by Donald Trump soon after he took over power in January this year.

China, however, kept its door open for talks to resolve the issue. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian on Friday said if the U.S. truly wanted to resolve issues through dialogue and negotiation, it must cease its maximum pressure tactics and reckless actions.

Jaishankar calls for swift deals with West

"Many of us have argued that our complementary partners are in the West, where real growth is possible, where they're more open, with market economies, contractual underpinnings, and are much more competitive than the economies to our east," he added.

Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at Carnegie India's annual Global Technology Summit.

On bi- and multilateral collaboration frameworks like the U.S.-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), Mr. Jaishankar said that domestic follow-through was important. "My reality check on the partnerships would be that you have to move both the regulatory system and the real economy in step with each other," he said.

Responding to a question on whether the Make America Great Again movement was in tension with Indian self-sufficiency, Mr. Jaishankar said, "I don't see a contradiction because anybody who's been objective about the direction of the world would have seen the trend lines; this didn't come out of the blue."

Industrial output growth slows to 2.9% in Feb.

Intermediate goods output grew the slowest at 1.5% and consumer non-durables continued to decline, albeit at a slower pace, with output declining 2.1%, a slower slip in comparison to 3.2% in the year ago period.

"Worryingly, the output growth of all the subsectors at the use-based level declined in February 2025 compared to the previous month, after a gap of five months. This indicates the muted and volatile nature of industrial output growth," Paras Jasrai said.

NIA interrogates Rana to investigate links with those accused in 26/11 attack case

Delhi court grants 18-day custody to NIA for the questioning; Rana is being kept in a highly secure cell inside the anti-terror agency's head office; CRPF and Delhi Police personnel keep guard on outer periphery; one gate of nearest Metro station to remain shut for additional security

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NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency on Friday began an extensive interrogation of Mumbai terror attack mastermind Tahawwur Hussain Rana.

Rana, a 64-year-old Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, was brought to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) headquarters in Delhi early this morning shortly after a court granted the agency his 18-day custody.

Escorted by NIA officials, Rana reached Delhi on Thursday evening on a chartered aircraft after his extradition from the U.S. ending a 16-year-long wait to prosecute one of the key accused in the deadly Mumbai attack in November 2008 in which 166 persons were killed and over 238 injured.

The U.S. Department of Justice, in a statement on the extradition on Thursday, said that India had alleged that Rana facilitated a fraudulent cover so that his childhood friend David Headley could freely travel to Mumbai to conduct surveillance of potential attack sites for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). After the attacks were complete, Rana allegedly told Headley that the Indians "deserved it", the statement said. In an intercepted conversation with Headley, Rana allegedly commended the nine LeT terrorists who had been killed committing the attacks, saying that they "should be given Nishan-e-Haider" – Pakistan's "highest award for gallantry in battle," which is reserved for fallen soldiers, the statement added.

Tight security: Tahawwur Rana being taken from Patiala House Court to the NIA headquarters in New Delhi on early Friday morning. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The NIA submitted in the Delhi court that Rana had to be confronted with a lot of evidence and his statements would lead to "additional discoveries".

The agency further told the court it needed to investigate his links with other terrorists and those accused in the Mumbai attack case. Rana is being kept in a highly secure cell, inside the anti-terror agency's head office at CGO complex in Delhi and is being guarded by security personnel round the clock, sources said.

A spokesperson for Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said, "Gate No. 2 of the JLN Metro Station will remain shut until further notice from Delhi Police." The gate is closest to the NIA headquarters.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Delhi Police personnel are guarding the outer periphery of NIA headquarters.

Glad that the day has come, says U.S. Secretary of State

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NEW DELHI

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a post on X on Friday, "We extradited Tahawwur Hussain Rana to India to face charges for his role in planning the horrific 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks. Together, with India, we've long sought justice for the 166 people, including 6 Americans, who lost their lives in these attacks. I'm glad that day has come."

In response, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar shared his "appreciation for the counter-terrorism cooperation between our two countries".

"This is indeed a big step in ensuring justice for the victims of 26/11 attacks," Mr. Jaishankar posted on X.

Earlier, the U.S. State Department said the two countries would continue to work together to combat the "global scourge of terrorism".

J&K imams read joint resolution against Waqf Act in mosques

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Several imams on Friday read out a joint resolution against the Waqf Act during congregational prayers in Srinagar, even as Kashmir chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was put under house arrest.

The Opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) also hit the streets in Srinagar to express their displeasure over the Waqf issue.

According to a spokesperson of the Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulama (MMU), imams and religious leaders "publicly read out the resolution prepared by the council in major mosques, *khanqahs*, shrines, and *imambaras* throughout the Kashmir Valley, the Chenab region, Jammu, Leh, and Kargil".

"The resolution received overwhelming public support and endorsement. In the resolution, the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025, was categorically rejected with a strong demand for immediate withdrawal," the MMU said.

The six-point resolution read in the religious places claimed that the Act "reduces the powers of Muslim-led Waqf Boards, assigns greater role to non-Muslim officials and transfers key decision-making powers to Collectors".

The MMU said the Act has given rise to serious concerns.

"It is essential that the management of Waqf remains rooted in those values and guided by individuals who understand their spiritual and legal significance," it added.

The MMU again extended its support to the All India Muslim Personal Law Board to address the issue.

Militant killed in Kishtwar as Army's operations continue in Jammu area

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

One unidentified militant was killed in Kishtwar district in the Chenab Valley of Jammu on Friday, as an anti-militancy operation entered its third day.

"One terrorist has so far been neutralised. Despite the hostile terrain and adverse weather, relentless operations by our brave soldiers continue," a spokesperson for the Army's White Knight Corps, responsible for the Valley, stated.

A gunfight broke out between hiding militants and security forces in the upper reaches of Chhatru, Kishtwar, on April 9. "Based on specific intelligence, a joint search and destroy operation was launched on April 9 in the Chhatru forest, Kishtwar, in collaboration with the J&K Police," the Army explained.

Strict watch: Security personnel stand guard at the Chhatru forest area in Kishtwar district on Friday. PTI

In a separate operation in Jammu's Udhampur, another group of militants remains at large after a firefight on April 9. The militants have not been traced for the third consecutive day in the area.

Meanwhile, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M.V. Suchindra Kumar, in a post on X, commended the White Knight Corps for their swift action in Kishtwar.

"The Indian Army stands by its commitment to keep J&K terror-free," the Army said.

Body recovered

The body of a youth missing since February 13 was recovered from Veshow Nallah in Kulgam on Friday. The authorities said the body was recovered from the stream and is believed to be of Mukhtar Ahmad, the missing youth. The victim, along with two others, had gone missing from Mah Ashmuji area of Kulgam. All the three belong to the tribal group of Gujjars.

Since the disappearance, the tribal community leaders have staging protests and seeking answers.

Tribal leaders accused the J&K Police of excesses during the protests. In response, the J&K government in March called for a judicial inquiry into the mysterious deaths.

Peoples Democratic Party leader Guftar Ahmed criticised a BJP leader's remarks labelling the Gujjar community as traitors and smugglers.

In an interview, BJP leader Chander Prakash Ganga sought stringent action against Gujjars in Jammu for their involvement in "bovine smuggling and acting as over-ground workers" for militants.

Protests over Waqf Act continue in West Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Protests over the Waqf (Amendment) Act continued in West Bengal on Friday, with students of Aliah University in Kolkata taking out a rally.

A demonstration in Amta turned violent, with protesters attacking a police vehicle, alleged West Bengal BJP president Sukanta Majumdar. He accused the police of not acting against the protesters.

Meanwhile, the situation in Murshidabad where violence had erupted this week remained tense, with reports of road blockades and train disruptions.

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari on Friday visited Mothabari in Malda district where communal clashes had occurred a few days ago.

Protesting teachers meet West Bengal Minister over releasing list of candidates

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Teachers in West Bengal who lost their appointments after a recent Supreme Court order met Education Minister Bratya Basu on Friday at the West Bengal School Service Commission (SSC) Bhawan. After the meeting, the teachers said that government officials have assured them that a list of "tainted and untainted candidates" would be published by April 21.

March to SSC Bhawan

Thousands of teachers who lost their jobs took out a march demanding that the authorities release the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) of their exams to segregate the valid job holders from the invalid candidates.

Education Minister Bratya Basu meeting representatives of teachers who lost their jobs at the SSC office on Friday. DEBASISH BHADURI

Mehboob Mondal, one of the teachers, said they would not be completely at rest till they got an order from the Supreme Court on reinstatement of jobs. The teachers said they would continue their protests till their jobs are reinstated. Mr. Basu said that the government was open to publishing the lists. "We will ask the SSC to publish the lists according to the CBI's findings," the Minister said.

There was a large police contingent and Rapid Action Force posted on site to stop the thousands of protesters from reaching SSC Bhawan.

Dalit youth stripped over inter-caste relationship; six held

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

A Dalit youth was stripped, paraded, and assaulted by a group from another community over an alleged inter-caste relationship in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district on April 9.

Videos of the thrashing, and the injured victim being questioned by the attackers, surfaced online on Friday. In one clip, he is seen pleading for water, but the request is denied and one person keeps hitting him with a rope.

Six people have been arrested so far, including the family members of a girl whose house the victim had visited, the police said. The youth is being treated at the Raigarh Medical College in the neighbouring district.

According to relatives of the 21-year-old victim, he had visited the girl's home in a village under the Malkharoda police station's jurisdiction on the evening of April 8 after she had threatened to consume poison. He was caught by her family who, along with some neighbours, stripped and assaulted him.

"We are from the Satnami community [a prominent Scheduled Caste group in Chhattisgarh] and they are Chandras, one of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) groups. My brother was subjected to casteist slurs and they filmed him after stripping him," the victim's brother told *The Hindu*. Sakti Superintendent of Police Ankita Sharma said that the police took *suo motu* cognisance of the incident after the video surfaced and registered an FIR.

Modi orders 'strict action' in Varanasi gang-rape case

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday directed officials in Varanasi to take the "strictest action" against those involved in the gang-rape of a 19-year-old woman in his parliamentary constituency.

At least nine people have been arrested in connection with the case.

"Upon arriving at Varanasi airport, the Prime Minister immediately sought a detailed briefing from the Police Commissioner, Divisional Commissioner, and District Magistrate regarding the recent criminal rape incident in the city. He instructed them to take the strictest possible action against the culprits and to implement appropriate measures to prevent such incidents in the future," the Uttar Pradesh government said in a statement.

The Opposition parties said the direction showed that the Prime Minister had lost faith in the State government and was directly interacting with officials. "It is clear that law and order has totally collapsed in the State, with atrocities against different sections of society on the rise. The Supreme Court has questioned the State government, now even the Prime Minister is forced to directly talk and issue instructions, which means he has also lost faith," said Samajwadi Party spokesperson Sunil Singh Yadav.

Spiritual Varanasi is now a leading economic hub: PM

PM launches development projects worth ₹3,880 crore; these initiatives will transform eastern Uttar Pradesh into a developed region, he says on his 50th visit to his Lok Sabha constituency

Mayank Kumar
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Key developments: Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak in Varanasi. PTI

During his 50th visit to his Lok Sabha constituency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday laid the foundation stone of several development projects and inaugurated others, collectively worth over ₹3,880 crore, in Varanasi.

Touching upon Varanasi's transformation since 2014, the Prime Minister said that Kashi (the ancient name of Varanasi) had not only preserved its ancient heritage but also embraced a modern outlook.

'Beacon of progress'

"In the past 10 years, Varanasi has witnessed remarkable transformation and growth. Kashi has gracefully embraced modernity while preserving its rich heritage, taking confident strides towards a brighter future. Today, Kashi stands not only as a symbol of antiquity but also as a beacon of progress. It now occupies a pivotal place on the economic map of the Purvanchal (eastern Uttar Pradesh) region," Mr. Modi said at a public gathering in Mehandiganj.

"The very Kashi that was once guided by Lord Mahadev himself, today, that same Kashi is driving the chariot of development for the entire Purvanchal region," Mr. Modi said.

Hailing the rural development projects that he inaugurated or laid the foundation of, including 130 drinking water schemes, 100 new Anganwadi centres, 356 rural libraries, a polytechnic college in Pindra, and a government degree college, Mr. Modi said these initiatives would transform Purvanchal into a developed region.

"Multiple development initiatives related to Kashi and other parts of Purvanchal were either inaugurated or their foundation stones laid. It included several infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing connectivity, a campaign to ensure the provision of tap water to every village and household, the expansion of educational, healthcare, and sports facilities, and a firm commitment to improve amenities for every region, every family, and every young person. Every person in Kashi will benefit immensely from these endeavours," he added, while terming the city the hub of eastern Uttar Pradesh's economic map.

"It is our responsibility to connect Kashi's ancient soul with a modern identity. Kashi, a spiritual and cultural centre, is also a leading economic centre of the region now and is playing a pivotal role in the region's growth," the Prime Minister added.

During the event, he distributed Ayushman Vay Vandana health cards to elderly citizens, as per the scheme that provides free medical treatment for senior citizens above the age of 70.

"People won't have to take loans or sell land for medical expenses, the government will care for them," he added.

Mr. Modi also transferred ₹106 crore in bonus payments to livestock farmers associated with Banas Dairy. "This is the result of your dedication," he added, pointing to how the dairy had helped improve the financial condition of thousands of families in the region, especially empowering women.

How will you create the crores of jobs that India needs, Rahul asks Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Seeking answers: Rahul Gandhi said while the PM creates new slogans every day, the youth are waiting for real opportunities. PTI

Accusing the BJP government of not even defining the Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme announced a year ago by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday asked if it was just another *jumla* (false promise).

Taking to X, Mr. Gandhi said that after the 2024 election, Mr. Modi announced the incentive scheme with much fanfare, promising to provide employment to the youth.

"It's been nearly a year since announcing the scheme, the government hasn't even defined it, and has returned the ₹10,000 crores allotted to it. This shows how serious the PM is about unemployment," Mr. Gandhi alleged.

He said while the Prime Minister creates new slogans every day, the youth are still waiting for real opportunities. "What is your concrete plan to generate the crores of jobs India desperately needs, or is this just another *jumla*?" he asked in his post.

Criticising the government's employment policy, he said jobs cannot be created by "focusing only on large corporates, promoting cronies over fair-play businesses, prioritising assembly over production, and disregarding India's indigenous skills".

"The way to create crores of jobs is through large-scale investment in MSMEs (micro, medium, and small enterprises), fair markets where competition can thrive, support for local production networks and youth equipped with the right skills," he said.

Mr. Gandhi further asked when the Prime Minister would shift his focus "from enriching Adani and his billionaire friends to ensuring that young people from marginalised communities have equal access to employment".

Hitting back, BJP's Amit Malviya said either Mr. Gandhi's team has completely failed to brief him on the facts or, far more likely, he is "weaponising his trademark ignorance to gaslight India's youth".

"This isn't a gaffe; it's a calculated strategy to distort reality, using his platform to spread misinformation," Mr. Malviya added.

He claimed that only 2.9 crore jobs were created during 2004-14 under the Congress-led UPA government, while the corresponding figure for the Modi government during 2014-24 was 17.19 crore.

'FDI falling'

Separately, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh accused the Modi government of destroying domestic investment and also causing a "near annihilation of Foreign Domestic Investment (FDI) through its practice of another type of FDI - Fear, Deceit, and Intimidation".

In a post on X, Mr. Ramesh said the net FDI in India from April 2024 to January 2025 was only $1.4 billion, against $19 billion from April 2012 to January 2013, when the Congress-led UPA was in power.

He claimed the Modi government achieved this "distinction" even before Donald Trump took over as the U.S. President in January 2025.

CM face to be decided after winning Bihar Assembly election, says Pilot

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

All India Congress Committee general secretary Sachin Pilot addresses a press conference in Patna on Friday. ANI

All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Sachin Pilot on Friday triggered a row by saying that the chief ministerial face of the grand alliance in Bihar would be decided after securing victory in the Assembly election due later this year.

Mr. Pilot's statement came at a time when Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav has declared himself the chief ministerial candidate of the alliance.

Mr. Pilot was in Patna to participate in the concluding day of *Naukri Do, Palayan Roko* (Give employment, Stop migration) foot march along with National Students' Union of India national in-charge Kanhaiya Kumar. "The election [for Bihar] has not been declared yet. When the date of the election is declared, the alliance will contest the election. The alliance will win the election with a majority, and then the Chief Minister face would be decided," Mr. Pilot said.

Top RJD leaders, including party supremo Lalu Prasad, have been continuously saying that Mr. Yadav will be the Chief Minister if voted to power,

Mr. Pilot, the former Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, is not the only Congress leader who has given a vague answer or not accepted Mr. Yadav as the chief ministerial face of the Opposition alliance in Bihar. Earlier, Bihar Congress in-charge Krishna Allavaru had expressed a similar view.

'Rising unemployment'

Mr. Pilot also blamed the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance government for rising unemployment in Bihar.

"Migration means – torture every moment; the torture that the youth of Bihar have to endure cannot be imagined. The youth of Bihar were forced to migrate from Bihar to fulfil their dreams; neither were they given opportunities for good education nor employment in Bihar," Mr. Pilot said.

Lashing out at the State government, Mr. Pilot said the Janata Dal(U)-Bharatiya Janata Party alliance was in power in Bihar for 20 years, but the situation in the State had gone from bad to worse.

Odisha rolls out health scheme

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

A unified health coverage scheme combining Ayushman Bharat and Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana, Odisha's own health coverage programme, was launched in the State on Friday. The merged schemes have now been implemented for 1.03 crore families of the State.

Lalu, Nitish, Modi must be shown the doors, it's time for people's regime: Kishor

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Prashant Kishor

Ahead of the Bihar Assembly election, poll strategist-turned-politician and Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor organised his party's first rally, *Bihar Badlaw rally* (Change Bihar rally), at the Gandhi Maidan here on Friday.

Mr. Kishor targeted the previous Rashtriya Janata Dal regime led by Lalu Prasad, the present NDA regime led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their "misgovernance in the State for several years". "Now, you just wait for the next six months, and I'll give you a new government with a change in Bihar.

"Do you want Lalu-Nitish-Modi regime or people's regime?" he asked the gathering, who roared in favour of 'people's regime'. "Lalu-Nitish-Modi should be uprooted," he said. "Please speak a bit louder so that your voice reaches the ears of the turncoat uncle [Nitish Kumar]," he told the gathering.

Mr. Kishor had announced that his party would field candidates on all 243 seats.

"Wind of change is sweeping across Bihar these days and Jan Suraaj Party has come before the people of the State as an alternative," his party leaders said.

Cong. to be strengthened up to 'booth level': Baghel

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Congress general secretary and Punjab in-charge Bhupesh Baghel on Friday said the party had already started working on strengthening the organisation right up to the 'booth level' across the country, and the same was being done in Punjab.

Mr. Bhagel, who is in Punjab, held meetings with party leaders. "The party will be strengthened right up to the 'booth level'. There was a lot of emphasis on strengthening the party in the AICC session," he added.

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‘Trade wars benefit no one; we believe in power of open markets, free and fair competition, a level playing field’

Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, who is on a visit to New Delhi, pitches for the India-EU Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement; while past negotiations may not have gone as planned, political momentum behind the current talks is stronger than ever, he says; Trump’s decision to pause U.S. tariffs plan for 90 days is a signal that transatlantic negotiations can be done, he adds

INTERVIEW

Antonio Tajani

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Trade wars benefit no one, said Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, who is in New Delhi for a two-day bilateral visit. He placed emphasis on the hope that after pausing reciprocal tariffs for 90 days, the U.S. can engage with the European Union for an agreement, and that India and the EU can also conclude the Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) this year. During a business event on Friday, Mr. Tajani, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal discussed the need to grow current bilateral trade, presently at about $14 billion, and to try to realise the much-delayed India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) with a Ministerial meeting in Italy later this year.

In a written interview to *The Hindu*, Mr. Tajani admitted that it would be hard to achieve the IMEC’s potential until there is peace between Israel and its neighbours. Excerpts:

How does Italy view the U.S. decisions on tariffs?

My dream is to see zero tariffs! Tariffs hurt both consumers and businesses alike. We firmly believe in the power of open markets, free and fair competition, and a level playing field for all. U.S. President [Donald] Trump’s decision to pause his tariffs plan for 90 days is a signal that we want to interpret positively, hoping that it will facilitate negotiations. Trade wars serve no one’s interests, especially when it comes to the transatlantic trade relationship.

Is Italy disappointed that the U.S. has not consulted the EU more, leading to many public differences in the past few months, including over Mr. Trump’s claims on Greenland?

Italy, like India, has already built strong ties with the Trump administration. President Trump is driving a bold agenda both domestically and internationally, which can sometimes cause friction, even with close partners like the EU. We must do everything we can to prevent a transatlantic divide.

Regarding President Trump’s tariff policies, our approach must be one of constructive engagement, not confrontation, prioritising open and honest dialogue with Washington.

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

During her visit to India in February, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a year-end deadline for the EU-India BTIA to be finalised. How likely is this, given previous delays?

We recognise that past negotiations have not always gone as planned, but it is undeniable that the political momentum behind the current talks is stronger than ever.

The visit of the entire European Commission to New Delhi in February was a powerful signal of trust and political will directed toward the Indian leadership. The EU is determined to be a key partner to India, and there is broad consensus across Brussels and European capitals on the importance of securing a meaningful agreement.

One of the major blocks to BTIA negotiations has been on India’s tariffs and market access issues for wine and spirits, and agriculture and dairy products. Given that the India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement is being negotiated this year as well, would Italy and EU expect the same terms as those being offered to the U.S. in bilateral trade negotiations?

Every trade relationship is unique and we do not assume that what works for India and the U.S. will automatically benefit the EU as well.

In the context of ongoing negotiations, what we seek is the flexibility needed to achieve the mutually beneficial agreement we all aspire to. On our part, we are fully committed to going the extra mile to secure a meaningful and balanced EU-India trade agreement, and we are confident that our counterparts share this same determination.

Can any progress be made on IMEC between India and Italy’s Trieste without peace and stability along the route between the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel’s Haifa Port (countries that have tense ties at present)?

Of course, until peace in the Middle East is established, it will be hard to achieve the full potential of the Corridor.

Nevertheless, for the Italian government, this project represents a beacon of hope. It holds the promise of acting as a catalyst for stability across the broader region. It is essential to start shaping a new vision for progress today – one that focuses on strengthening geo-economic and intermodal connectivity between Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. This is why we are offering the port of Trieste as a hub to support the “Cotton Road”. Trieste is a key port in northeast Italy, a region that leads in our economy and drives growth and innovation.

Our newly appointed Special Envoy will focus on key areas, including the development of vital port, railway, and digital infrastructure, as well as securing the necessary financial support, with a strong emphasis on the EU’s Global Gateway initiative.

I plan to organise a Ministerial meeting with all countries part of the Cotton Road with the goal to strengthen further our cooperation.

INBRIEF

DRDO does release trials of long-range glide bomb

The Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully conducted release trials of the 1,000-kg long-range glide bomb ‘Gaurav’ between April 8 and 10 from a Su-30 MKI fighter jet. “During the trials, the weapon was integrated to multiple stations in different warhead configurations, with land target on Island. The trials successfully demonstrated range close to 100 km with pin-point accuracy,” the DRDO said in a statement on Friday, adding that the trials would pave the way for the induction of the weapon into the Air Force.

Body of missing Hungarian tourist found in Meghalaya

The body of a Hungarian tourist, missing since March 29 after checking into a hotel in Shillong, was found on a steep slope in Meghalaya’s East Khasi Hills district on April 10. The district’s Superintendent of Police, Vivek Syiem, said a forensic team reached the spot to conduct an on-spot autopsy on the decomposed body of Puskas Zsolt near Ramdait, a village bordering Bangladesh. The village is a popular destination for trekkers.

Developed nations are more reliable trading partners, says Commerce Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday indicated a clear preference for India to work with European and North American partners for international trade instead of China.

“Even when it was open [for Chinese firms to invest in India], not too much Chinese investment has come, nor are we encouraging any significant investment coming in from China at all at the moment,” Mr. Goyal said at Carnegie India’s Global Technology Summit.

Mr. Goyal was reiterating a stand he took earlier this week, blaming China for the turmoil that followed the U.S.’s imposition of tariffs on most countries. “Our effort is to integrate our economies with the developed world, who believe in fair play, who believe in honest business practices and where we get an equal opportunity to do business and invest,” he said. “Everything will be based on reciprocity. Everything will be based on mutual trust and mutual benefit.”

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> **PIYUSH GOYAL**
> Union Minister

Indians were insulated from the worst of impacts of U.S. tariffs, Mr. Goyal said, recalling that Indian captains of industry were optimistic at a meeting with him held before a 90-day pause to the measure was announced.

He hit out at China’s classification of itself as developing, without naming the country. “If countries with a per capita income of $50,000 and if I’m not mistaken, maybe one with $100,000, chooses to call itself a developing nation, then obviously it is going to cause angst,” he said.

He abstained from putting any hard timeline on concluding the U.S.-India Bilateral Trade Agreement. “We aspire for [indicative] timelines, but at the end of the day it has to be a win-win for both sides,” he said. “It has to be a fair, equitable and balanced solution. Just to meet a deadline, you cannot compromise national interest.”

On Europe, Mr. Goyal hit out at climate standards and other requirements typically demanded by the bloc. “There will be two areas on which the European Union will have to rethink: one is these non-trade issues which they seek to superimpose into the trade agenda. Unless they get that out of their system – and the European Commission will need to reflect on it – they will find it very difficult to get a trade agreement with anybody whatsoever.”

Indian EVMs not connected to Internet or Wi-Fi, says EC after U.S. official’s comments

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of claims by U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard that electronic voting systems are vulnerable to hacking, the Election Commission on Friday said India uses electronic voting machines (EVM) which work like “simple, correct and accurate calculators” and cannot be connected to either the Internet, Wi-Fi, or Infrared.

EC sources said some countries use electronic voting systems which are a mix of multiple systems, machines, and processes, including various private networks like the Internet. In India, while pressing the button of choice, the voter can also see the corresponding VVPAT slips for enhancing his or her satisfaction and confidence.

Counting of any number of votes (even 100 crores) can be completed in less than a day and no one can tamper with these machines which are either stored in a strong room or with an authorised person at any given point of time, the sources added.

Tried and tested: EVMs have stood legal scrutiny by the SC and are invariably checked by political parties, says EC. K. MURALI KUMAR

In India, the EVMs have stood legal scrutiny by the Supreme Court and are invariably checked by political parties at various stages. They pointed out that more than five crore paper trail machine slips have been verified and matched during counting in front of political parties.

Ms. Gabbard said on Thursday that the U.S. Cabinet has found “evidence of how these electronic voting systems have been vulnerable to hackers for a very long time and vulnerable to exploitation to manipulate the results of the votes being cast”. She added that the findings mandate the use of paper ballots across the country so that voters can have faith in the integrity of the U.S. elections.

Last year, tech czar Elon Musk had called for the elimination of EVMs, citing the risk of being hacked by humans or artificial intelligence (AI).

The then Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had in January responded to Mr. Musk’s claim saying, “A global IT expert said EVMs can be hacked while our elections were going on. They [U.S.] don’t have EVMs, they have electronic voting mechanisms.”

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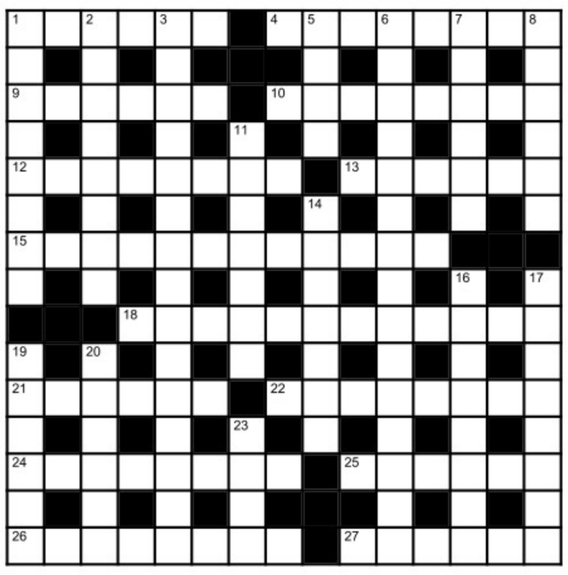

Across

1 Lets those sickly-looking to change places - back to front (6)
4 Ex-US president had an issue with this animal (8)
9 Remember, genuine student gets first class (6)
10 Investigate time taken to enter centre of the warship (8)
12 Country access without using borders (8)
13 Not good to include whole song (6)
15 Heavy drinking affected eminent pacer (12)
18 Unexpectedly, from the sea (3,2,3,4)
21 Cheats work, must include luck regularly (6)
22 Cave in thicket allows everyone to retreat (8)
24 Pigeonhole class players (8)
25 Second shock from fine wool (6)
26 Priest takes half an hour to get in - becomes irritable (8)
27 Left after match, being pure (6)

Down

1 One relating to nutrition is wasting away (8)
2 Cut - one enters later perhaps (8)
3 Such amateurs - low built, bushy and drooping at the ends (6,9)
5 Voucher without business, coming very soon... (4)
6 ...however, as a close variety of bananas (4,1,5,5)
7 As usual, it takes some of them to raise a tyrant (6)
8 Relents to the unknown - is led away (6)
11 Arrived with many to the old court premises (7)
14 Force war on group (7)
16 Animal perhaps a help inside a hospital wing (8)
17 Right to interrupt federal organization to get a postponement (8)
19 One meticulously keeps it - makes you want to throw up (6)
20 A sign to restrict double parking in city (6)
23 Brought up in bits and pieces - some of it is wine (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday’s Sudoku

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9	7	5	2	4	8	1	3	6
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FAITH

Uniqueness of Pazhani

Pazhani is the third among the six sacred abodes of Lord Muruga. Pazhani refers to the shrine on top of the hill. The one at the foot of the hill, called Avinan Kudi, has been praised by Nakkeerar. This is the uniqueness of Pazhani – two Muruga temples at the same place, said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse. In *Agananuru*, the place is referred to as Pothini. The region around Pazhani was called Aviyar Nadu and Vaigavur Nadu. It is said that because there were many fruit trees in the area, it became Pazhani (*pazham* is fruit in Tamil). Pazhani is in the Kongu region of Tamil Nadu, and the temple was built by the Cheras. Pazhani is called Giriraja (king of all hills).

At the hill temple, Murugan gives darshan as an ascetic. The story goes that sage Agastya asked Idumban to fetch two hills for him to worship. Idumban strung the two hills to two ends of a pole, and carried them to Pothigai hills, where Agastya wanted them placed. On the way, Idumban rested at Pazhani and put the pole down. When he later tried to lift the pole, he could not. He found a little boy dressed like an ascetic on top of the hills. He felt the boy was somehow responsible for his inability to lift the hills, and ordered the boy to step down. But the boy who was none other than Murugan, refused. Idumban challenged Murugan and was killed. But Murugan took pity on Idumaban’s wife Idumbi and revived Idumban, who prayed for the boon of serving Murugan. Murugan granted him the boon, and there is a separate *sannidhi* (shrine) for Idumban at the hill temple. The practice of carrying *kavadi* (a wooden arch supported by a pole) is popular in Pazhani, because Idumban had carried the two hills on a pole.

INBRIEF

IOB slashes repo-linked lending rate by 25 bps

Indian Overseas Bank has decided to reduce its repo-linked lending rate (RLLR) by 25 basis points from 9.10% to 8.85% effective April 12. This follows the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee reducing the policy repo rate from 6.25% to 6% earlier this week. The asset liability management committee of Indian Overseas Bank on Friday decided to pass on the rate cut to the customers by reducing RLLR, the Chennai-headquartered bank said.

Aurobindo Pharma arm's unit gets 11 U.S. FDA observations

An inhalers and derma products manufacturing plant of Aurobindo Pharma subsidiary Aurolife Pharma LLC in the U.S. has been issued 11 observations by the United States Food and Drug Administration. The U.S. FDA conducted an inspection at Raleigh plant, North Carolina, USA, from March 24 to April 10 and issued a Form 483 with 11 observations. These observations are procedural in nature, Aurobindo Pharma said in a filing on Friday.

Cipla's generic drug for cancer gets U.S. FDA nod

Cipla's abbreviated new drug application for a generic version of Bristol Myers Squibb's cancer drug Abraxane has received final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The final approval for Paclitaxel Protein-bound Particles for Injectable Suspension (albumin-bound), 100 mg/vial, single-dose vial was received on April 10. It is an AB-rated generic therapeutic equivalent version of Bristol Myers Squibb's Abraxane for Injectable Suspension 100 mg/vial.

Rupee makes recovery; gold at all-time high of ₹96,450

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

After three consecutive days of decline, the rupee on Friday made a strong recovery, gaining 58 paise against the U.S. dollar, settling at 86.10 from its previous close of 86.68.

The domestic currency was supported primarily by a weaker dollar index and a significant sentiment boost from the U.S.'s decision to pause tariffs for the next 90 days.

"This move has been well received by the markets, as it opens the door for further dialogue between the two nations, potentially easing trade tensions in the near future," said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst – Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities.

Additionally, Indian capital markets rallied, reflecting optimism around improving bilateral trade ties and the reduced risk premium for Indian exports, he said.

The escalating trade war between the United States and China, the world's two biggest economies, led to gold prices soaring to fresh high of ₹96,450 on Friday compared with ₹90,200 on Wednesday, as investors ran for cover. Thursday was a holiday on account of Mahavir Jayanti.

"Gold extended its record-setting rally, hitting fresh lifetime highs, defying rupee's strength, as geopolitical tensions and tariff battles between the U.S. and China escalated further," Mr. Trivedi said.

Equity MF inflows sink to an 11-month low amid volatility

Notable decline seen in sectoral and thematic mutual funds, where net inflows fell 97% to ₹170 cr. in March, the steepest since June 2023; contributing SIP accounts dipped to 8.11 crore in March

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Net inflows into equity mutual fund schemes in March declined 14.4% to ₹25,082 crore, amid global market shocks, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed.

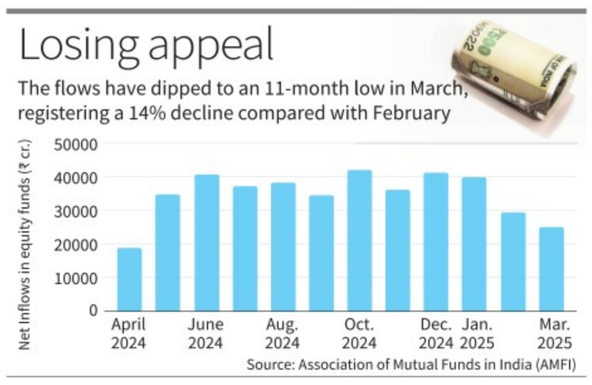
The inflows have been declining for three consecutive months and was in the negative for half of fiscal year 2024-25.

To a query on slowing equity inflows, AMFI's chief executive Venkat Chalasani said, "Inflows have definitely come down slightly... from ₹29,303 crore during the month of February to ₹25,082 crore in March."

"Redeeming feature is that there is positive growth across all the schemes, except in respect of sectoral and thematic funds, where you have witnessed a marginal negative cash flow of ₹170 crore," Mr. Chalasani said at a media briefing. A notable decline in inflows was noticed in sectoral and thematic mutual funds, where net inflows fell 97% to ₹170 crore in March.

This was the steepest decline since June 2023.

The number of contributing SIP accounts reduced to 8.11 crore in March from 8.26 crore in the previous month. The number of contributing SIP accounts have been reducing for the past three months. SIP contributions also reduced to ₹25,926 crore in March from about ₹26,000 crore in February.



Nifty rises 1.92% after Trump pauses tariffs

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All sectors were in the green, with Nifty Metal increasing 4% and Nifty IT rising 0.69%

The benchmark Nifty 50 rose 1.92% to close at 22,828.55, two days after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a pause on reciprocal tariffs.

All sectors were in the green, with Nifty Metal increasing 4% and Nifty IT 0.69%. Hindalco, JSW Steel and Tata steel grew the highest in Nifty 50. TCS, Apollo Hospital and Asian Paints were in the red within the benchmark index.

"After shifting into a range-bound action with negative bias on Wednesday, Nifty witnessed an excellent bounce back on Friday and closed with a hefty gain of 429 points. It opened on a sharp upside gap of 297 points and moved up in the early part of the session and into range bound action for the better part of the session," Nagaraj Shetti, senior technical research analyst at HDFC Securities said.

Adopting AI harder than thought: Nilekani

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Artificial intelligence is "turning out to be far more difficult than we thought to actually make work at scale and useful to everyone," said Infosys founder Nandan Nilekani.

For the technology to truly work, the "cost per inference" should be as low as ₹1, he said, referring to a computing parameter which is inexpensive for AI systems with a small number of parameters.

Adopting AI at scale is "even harder in the enterprise" world as companies are far more cautious about handing over decision-making to models that are prone to errors, he said speaking at Carnegie India's Global Technology Summit on Friday.

The most difficult is implementing AI in the public sector, he said, adding this was because the public sector has structural concerns. "It has ministries, it has departments, everybody is territorial. So data is not shared. If data is the lifeblood of AI, we have to find a way to bring all AI together, irrespective of which part of the government it comes from."

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	75,157	1.77
US Dollar	86.10	0.66
Gold	96,450	6.92
Brent oil	63.89	—

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2321.40	84.50
Adani Ports	1164.55	32.75
Apollo Hosp	6780.95	-53.15
Asian Paints	2393.60	-17.55
Axis Bank	1068.95	7.30
Bajaj Auto	7768.85	196.55
Bajaj Finserv	1946.30	50.60
Bajaj Finance	8921.10	185.30
Bharat Elec	285.00	4.85
Bharti Airtel	1756.60	41.05
Cipla	1463.05	47.45
Coal India	392.10	17.50
Dr Reddys Lab	1109.50	15.45
Eicher Motors	5350.90	92.60
Eternal Ltd.	217.20	5.81
Grasim Ind	2651.25	93.50
HCL Tech	1390.55	10.55
HDFC Bank	1806.75	41.75
HDFC Life	685.55	0.75
Hero MotoCorp	3666.00	55.10
Hindalco	600.30	36.30
Hind Unilever	2366.15	16.15
ICICI Bank	1311.65	10.85
IndusInd Bank	689.50	10.95
Infosys	1409.45	5.75
ITC	421.55	5.25
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	230.02	9.10
JSW Steel	990.25	44.70
Kotak Bank	2111.20	58.50
L&T	3115.95	61.80
M&M	2580.35	57.25
Maruti Suzuki	11599.05	141.65
NestleIndia	2361.40	16.55
NTPC	360.10	10.75
ONGC	230.37	8.43
PowerGrid Corp	304.10	10.70
Reliance Ind	1218.95	33.60
SBI Life	1521.90	40.25
State Bank	753.85	11.65
Shriram Finance Ltd.	638.80	14.25
Sun Pharma	1687.55	35.35
TataConsumerProduct	1097.90	8.15
Tata Motors	595.05	12.15
Tata Steel	133.42	6.24
TCS	3231.50	-15.10
Tech Mahindra	1282.25	9.50
Titan	3234.90	60.75
Trent Ltd.	4780.55	160.35
UltraTech Cement	11502.65	105.60
Wipro	239.75	3.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on April 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.85	86.16
Euro	97.47	97.82
British Pound	112.46	112.89
Japanese Yen (100)	60.09	60.32
Chinese Yuan	11.76	11.81
Swiss Franc	105.39	105.80
Singapore Dollar	64.99	65.26
Canadian Dollar	61.96	62.20
Malaysian Ringitt	19.38	19.49
Australian Dollar	53.62	53.83

Source:Indian Bank

India 'eyeing win-win interim deal' with U.S. during the 90-day pause

Amiti Sen
NEW DELHI

Through video-conferences and soon-to-be scheduled physical meetings, the government is hard at work to sew up an interim trade deal with the U.S. on "win-win" terms for both countries in the 90-day tariff pause announced by President Donald Trump.

"We are in continuous engagement. It could be through video conferencing. It could be some visits both ways. Work has started. We are ahead of everybody else. Among various possibilities, the two sides could reach an agreement on tariffs within 90 days if it is a win-win for both," an official source told *businessline*.

Huge stakes: In 2024, India exported goods worth $77.51 billion to the U.S. and its imports were worth $42.19 billion. GETTY IMAGES

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump put on hold for 90 days the reciprocal tariffs, including the 26% levy on India. But a baseline tariff of 10% stays for all.

The proposed India-U.S. bilateral trade agreement (BTA) would, however, take more time and steps are on to deliver the first tranche by fall of 2025, the official said. The terms of reference of the proposed BTA have already been signed by the two sides.

"Everything is on the table, both tariffs and non-tariff issues," the official said. This indicates that issues such as intellectual property, government procurement, digital trade and data localisation, which the U.S. has been interested in for a long time, are also up for discussion.

Core focus

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said securing the country's interests would be of foremost concern in any negotiation.

"We never negotiate at gunpoint," he clarified.

In 2024, India exported goods worth $77.51 billion to the U.S. and its imports were worth $42.19 billion leading to a trade imbalance of over $35 billion.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

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OneAlpha to build logistics park near Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Industrial spaces and logistics infrastructure firm OneAlpha Ventures Ltd. unveiled its first project – an industrial and logistics park at Oragadam in Sriperumbudur.

OneAlpha is a B2B industrial infrastructure firm focusing on the development of warehousing, logistics, and manufacturing spaces. It is a part of the Sree Kailas Group.

"The OneAlpha Industrial and Logistics Park in Oragadam will be developed in two phases," said Visakh Rajkumar, director of OneAlpha.

'NVIDIA tops 10 chip firms in revenue'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Gartner reported a position shift among the top 10 semiconductor vendor revenue rankings triggered by a large demand for AI infrastructure build-out and a rise of 73.4% in memory revenue.

Interestingly, NVIDIA took the lead position for the first time claiming a 11.7% market share. Samsung Electronics retained its number two rating while Intel dropped to third.

''The position shift among the top 10 semiconductor vendor revenue ranking is due to large demand for AI infrastructure build-out and an increase of 73.4% in memory revenue,"said Gaurav Gupta, VP analyst, Gartner.

Global semiconductor revenue totalled $655.9 billion in 2024.

"NVIDIA moved to the number 1 spot as a result of a marked rise in demand for its discrete graphic processing units that served as the primary choice for AI workloads in data centres."

The research firm said worldwide semiconductor revenue totalled $655.9 billion in 2024, up 21% from $542.1 billion in 2023.

Amazon backed More Retail mulls India IPO

Reuters

Amazon-backed More Retail, a key player in India's food and staples market, plans to go public next year and double its store count in five as shoppers keep turning to supermarkets and online buying for daily groceries, a top executive told *Reuters*.

Mumbai-based More, known for neighborhood supermarkets and fresh grocery offerings, operates one of the country's largest retail chains, with 775 stores as of its latest count.

The company reported gross sales of almost ₹50 billion in FY25, an 11% rise from the previous year.

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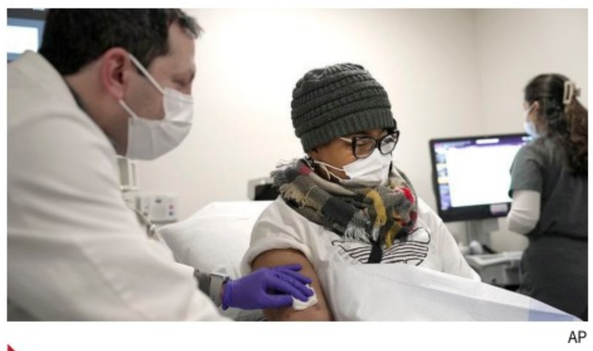
WASHINGTON

U.S. woman sets record living with pig kidney before body rejected it



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Doctors had to remove a pig kidney implanted in a woman in the U.S. after her body rejected it, but her four months of living with the animal's organ has set a record. Towana Looney, in her fifties, has been put on regular dialysis. A handful of patients had received pig kidneys, but none have survived more than two months. AFP

WASHINGTON

Pentagon chief announces spending cuts worth $5.1 billion

REUTERS

The U.S. Department of Defence will cut $5.1 billion in "wasteful" spending, including on climate and diversity initiatives, Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth said on Thursday. The cuts also include contracts for consulting services from private firms for the Defence Health Agency, as well as a cloud IT services contract. AFP

LAHORE

Police demolish the minarets of Ahmadi worship places in Pakistan

AFP

The police raided two Ahmadi worship places and demolished their minarets in Pakistan's Punjab province. The Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya Pakistan, which represents the minority community, said that the police action came as a result of the pressure from the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, a radical Islamist party. PTI

GENEVA

UN says 36 Israeli strikes in Gaza killed 'only women and children'

AP

The UN said its analysis of 36 Israeli strikes in Gaza between March and April this year showed only women and children were killed. The UN rights office also warned that expanding Israeli evacuation orders were resulting in the "forcible transfer" of people into ever-shrinking spaces in the war-ravaged Palestinian territory. AFP

Trump warns of tariffs for Mexico over water dispute

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened Mexico with "escalating consequences" on trade unless it provides more water to Texas under a contentious decades-old treaty.

He claimed Mexico was violating a 1944 pact under which the U.S. shares water from the Colorado River in exchange for flows from the Rio Grande, which forms part of the border between the two countries. "We will keep escalating consequences, including TARIFFS and, maybe even SANCTIONS, until Mexico honors the Treaty," Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social.

China, EU must 'jointly resist unilateral bullying', says Xi

Chinese President made the remarks to visiting Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez, who said tensions over trade should not impede cooperation between the European Union and China

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the European Union on Friday to join hands with Beijing in resisting "unilateral bullying", in reference to swingeing tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

As he met Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Friday, Mr. Xi stressed the need for cooperation between the bloc and China in weathering Beijing's mounting trade war with Washington.

"China and Europe should fulfil their international responsibilities... and jointly resist unilateral bullying practices," Mr. Xi said.

Timely alliance: Xi Jinping and Pedro Sanchez arrive for a bilateral meeting at Diaoyutai Guest House in Beijing on Friday. AFP

This, he stressed, would not only "safeguard their own legitimate rights and interests, but also... safeguard international fairness and justice."

Mr. Sanchez, in turn, told a press conference following his meeting with Mr. Xi that tensions over trade should not impede cooperation between the European Union and China. Spain buys about €45 billion of goods every year from China, its fourth-largest trading partner, but sells around €7.4 billion worth.

Mr. Sanchez broke with the rest of the European Union on his last trip to China in September 2024, urging the bloc to reconsider plans to impose high tariffs on Chinese electric cars and calling for a "fair trade order".

Trump tells Russia to 'get moving' to end Ukraine war

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday told Moscow to "get moving" on ending its "senseless war" with Ukraine, moments before his envoy Steve Witkoff began talks with Vladimir Putin in Russia on the conflict.

Mr. Trump has been pressing Moscow and Kyiv to agree to a ceasefire since returning to the White House in January but has failed to extract any major concessions from the Kremlin.

"Russia has to get moving," Mr. Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, adding that the conflict was "senseless" and "should have never happened".

Diplomatic overture: Steve Witkoff shakes hands with Vladimir Putin during a meeting in Saint Petersburg on Friday. AFP

Shortly after Mr. Trump's post, the Kremlin said talks between Mr. Putin and Mr. Witkoff had started. The meeting, taking place in Saint Petersburg, would touch on "various aspects of the Ukrainian settlement", Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"There is no need to expect any breakthroughs here, the process of normalising relations is ongoing," Mr. Peskov was quoted as saying. When asked whether the two would discuss a possible meeting between Putin and Trump, Peskov was quoted as saying: "Maybe".

Children subjected to rape, sexual violence in DR Congo, says UN

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN condemned on Friday the widespread rape of children in conflict-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where thousands were reportedly subjected to sexual violence in the first two months of 2025.

"The rate of sexual violence against children has never been higher," warned James Elder of the United Nations children's agency UNICEF, demanding action.

"Early reports show that children make up between 35 to 45% of the nearly 10,000 cases of rape and sexual violence reported... in just January and February of this year," he told reporters in Geneva, speaking from Goma.

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"In short, based on initial data, ... during the most intense phase of this year's conflict in eastern DRC, a child was raped every half an hour."

With four executions in a day, Afghanistan records its highest tally under the Taliban

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

Four men were publicly executed in Afghanistan on Friday, the Supreme Court said, the highest number of executions to be carried out in one day since the Taliban's return to power.

The executions at sports stadiums in three separate provinces brought to 10 the number of men publicly put to death since 2021.

Public executions were common during the Taliban's first rule from 1996 to 2001, with most carried out publicly in sports stadiums.

Two men were shot around six or seven times by a male relative of the victims in front of spectators in Qala-i-Naw, the centre of Badghis province, witnessessaid.

The executions at sports stadiums in three provinces brought to 10 the number of men publicly put to death since 2021. AFP

"They were made to sit and turn their backs to us. Relatives from the victims' families stood behind and shot them with a gun," Mohammad Iqbal Rahimyar, a 48-year-old spectator, said.

Afghans had been invited to "attend the event" in official notices shared widely on Thursday.

Amnesty International called on the Taliban authorities to halt public executions, which it called a "gross affront to human dignity".

Eye for an eye

The previous execution was in November 2024, when a convicted murderer was shot three times in the chest by a member of the victim's family in front of thousands of spectators.

All execution orders are signed by the Taliban's reclusive Supreme Leader Hibatullah Akhundzada.

Iran seeks 'real and fair' deal in nuclear discussions with U.S.

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran is seeking a "real and fair" agreement with the United States on its nuclear programme, a senior aide to supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Friday, setting the stage for a diplomatic showdown this weekend in Oman.

Longtime adversaries Iran and the United States are set to hold talks on Saturday aimed at reaching a deal on Tehran's nuclear programme.

"Far from putting up a show, Tehran is seeking a real and fair agreement,"

Ali Shamkhani

Khamenei adviser Ali Shamkhani said.

On Friday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said Iran was "giving diplomacy a genuine chance in good faith and full vigilance."

Sport

Vaidehi, Shrivalli ensure a third victory for India

BJK CUP

Kamesh Srinivasan
PUNE

Lulu Sun and Monique Barry ensured qualification for New Zealand as they won their singles matches against Thailand, for the team's fourth straight victory in as many matches, in the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis championship at the Balewadi Stadium on Friday.

Barry beat Patcharin Cheapchandej in straight sets, while Sun had to sweat it out for three sets against the gutsy Mananchaya Sawangkaew.

While the Kiwis took an unbeatable 4-0 lead at the top of the six-team competition, India stayed in the hunt – along with Thailand and Korea – by beating Chinese Taipei.

Easy work: Barry beat Thailand's Cheapchandej in straight sets to help New Zealand secure qualification. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Vaidehi Chaudhari and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty played with confidence and grit to win their singles matches to ensure a third victory for India after its loss to New Zealand.

In the first singles, Vaidehi allowed the match to meander into the third set against Fang An Lin after being up 6-2, 5-4, and serving for the match. However, she played well in the decider to pull through.

Shrivalli, who has been exceptional in this tournament, notched up her fourth straight win with a high-quality show against Joanna Garland, who had stretched Sun, a top-50 player, to three sets the previous day.

Serving big and playing with conviction, Shrivalli dictated the flow before Garland brought the match alive by pushing the second set into the tie-break after having trailed 3-5.

Unperturbed, Shrivalli continued to play her big game and was involved in entertaining rallies before winning 6-2, 7-6(3) over the 207th-ranked Garland.

The doubles was of academic interest, even though every rubber, every set and every game could decide the eventual placings of the teams.

India, with three wins, is placed below the Kiwis.

The results (league): India bt Taiwan 2-1 (Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Fang An Lin 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Shrivalli Bhamidipaty . bt Joanna Garland 6-2, 7-6(3); Ankita Raina & Prarthana Thombare lost to Yu Tsen Cho & Fang Hsien Wu 2-6, 6-4, [6-10]).

Korea bt Hong Kong 3-0 (Sohyun Park bt Ho Ching Wu 6-1, 6-1; Dayeon Back bt Hong Yi Cody Wong 6-3, 7-5; Kim Dabin & Sohyun Park bt Eudice Chong & Man Ying Maggie Ng 6-4, 6-1).

New Zealand bt Thailand 2-1 (Monique Barry bt Patcharin Cheapchandej 7-5, 6-2; Lulu Sun bt Mananchaya Sawangkaew 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Renee Zhang & Sasha Situe lost to Thasaporn Naklo & Peangtarn Plipuech 3-6, 3-6).

Rose's seven-under puts him on top of leaderboard

AUGUSTA MASTERS

Associated Press
AUGUSTA

The Masters began on Thursday at Augusta National with Justin Rose shooting a 7-under 65 to sit atop a star-studded leaderboard, with defending champion Scottie Scheffler, Ludvig Aberg and Corey Conners giving chase.

Rose reached 8-under but had a bogey at the par-4 18th, but still matched his low round at Augusta National and held a three-shot lead over his closest pursuers.

Scheffler fired a bogey-free 68 as he tries to become the youngest to win three green jackets since Jack Nicklaus, while Conners finished with consecutive birdies and Aberg birdied the 18th for their 68s.

Positive start: Rose matched his low round at Augusta National and held a three-shot lead over his closest pursuers. GETTY IMAGES

Top scores: 65 — Justin Rose; 68 — Ludvig Aberg, Scottie Scheffler, Corey Conners; 69 — Bryson DeChambeau, Tyrrell Hatton; 70 — Aaron Rai, Harris English, Akshay Bhatia, Jason Day.

RECURRING PROBLEM

It has been quite a few nights that have not gone our way: Dhoni

B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

It has been quite a few nights that have not gone our way. The challenge has been there, we have to accept that challenge. I felt we did not have enough runs on the board. When you lose too many wickets, there is pressure and with quality spinners it is difficult. A bit more application and we would be fine — CSK captain M.S. Dhoni.

OPENING SALVO

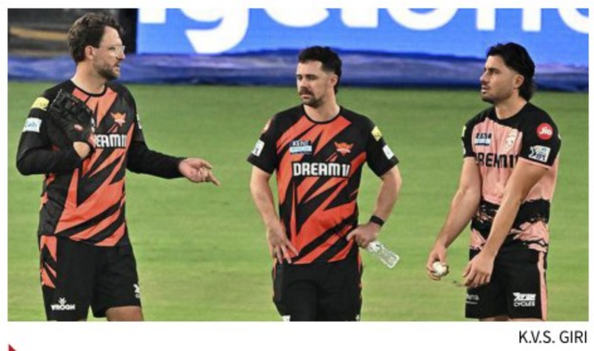
Narine brings that X-factor when he bats, says Quinton de Kock

B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

When he bats, he brings that X-factor. To every bowler, I've noticed, he's going to come hard. And he practices really hard. I don't think he's missed a practice, even optional practices. When it comes off, it's great. So, he really does bring that X-factor at the top — KKR's Quinton de Kock on his opening partner Sunil Narine.

FIRST HURDLE

'Our challenge is getting one or two guys to stand up and deliver'



K.V.S. GIRI

You'll see some guys who are really motivated to do well. Once they're able to do that, then it sort of permeates its way throughout the team. That's our challenge, getting one or two guys to stand up and deliver and then the rest of the team being able to complement that — SRH head coach Daniel Vettori.

HOMEBOY SPECIAL

I had the best seat: Stubbs after match-winning stand with Rahul

K. MURALI KUMAR

I had the best seat. K.L. Rahul said it afterwards; this is his ground. He has grown up here, so he knows how to play and stayed positive throughout the innings. He kept enforcing and reminding me to look straight and that gave me confidence — Delhi Capitals' Tristan Stubbs after the six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Knight Riders' bowlers leave Super Kings batters in a daze

Tweakers Narine and Varun to the fore, justifying the skipper's decision to bowl first; the Kolkata team romps home after the Chennai side huffs and puffs its way to 103; Dhoni's men hit just one six in the innings in an evening to forget

Packed off: Dhoni fell to the guile of Narine on a day when the Super Kings batters failed miserably. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

SCOREBOARD

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
Rachin Ravindra c Rahane b Harshit 4 *(9b)*, Devon Conway lbw b Moeen 12 *(11b, 2x4)*, Rahul Tripathi b Narine 16 *(22b, 1x4)*, Vijay Shankar c Moeen b Varun 29 *(21b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Shivam Dube (not out) 31 *(29b, 3x4)*, R. Ashwin c Vaibhav b Harshit 1 *(7b)*, Ravindra Jadeja c de Kock b Narine 0 *(2b)*, Deepak Hooda **(Impact Player for Tripathi)** c Vaibhav b Varun 0 *(4b)*, M.S. Dhoni lbw b Narine 1 *(4b)*, Noor Ahmad c Varun b Vaibhav 1 *(8b)*, Anshul Kamboj (not out) 3 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-4): 5; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 103.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-16 (Conway, 3.1 overs), 2-16 (Rachin, 4.1), 3-59 (Vijay Shankar, 9.4), 4-65 (Tripathi, 10.6), 5-70 (Ashwin, 12.5), 6-71 (Jadeja, 13.3), 7-72 (Hooda, 14.2), 8-75 (Dhoni, 15.3), 9-79 (Noor, 17.2).

KNIGHT RIDERS BOWLING
Vaibhav 4-0-31-1, Moeen 4-1-20-1, Harshit 4-0-16-2, Varun 4-0-22-2, Narine 4-0-13-3.

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS
Quinton de Kock b Kamboj 23 *(16b, 3x6)*, Sunil Narine b Noor 44 *(18b, 2x4, 5x6)*, Ajinkya Rahane (not out) 20 *(17b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Rinku Singh (not out) 15 *(12b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-2, w-2): 5; Total (for two wkts. in 10.1 overs): 107.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-46 (de Kock, 4.1), 2-85 (Narine, 7.1).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING
Khaleel 3-0-40-0, Kamboj 2-0-19-1, Ashwin 3-0-30-0, Noor 2-0-8-1, Jadeja 0.1-0-9-0.

Toss: Knight Riders.
PoM: Narine.
KKR won by eight wickets with 59 balls to spare.

IPL-18

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Chennai Super Kings came into Friday's contest against Kolkata Knight Riders on the back of four consecutive defeats, desperately needing a dose of inspiration to resurrect its IPL 2025 campaign.

However, against a disciplined Knight Riders' bowling effort, CSK plummeted to a new low as it managed only a paltry 103 for nine after being put in to bat.

At that point, the match was all but done and dusted, and the defending champion made short work of the target by romping home to an emphatic eight-wicket win in the 11th over.

On a pitch that gripped and offered turn, KKR's spinners justified their skipper's decision to bowl first and scythed through the hosts' batting line-up, leaving the packed house at the MAC Stadium stunned in disbelief.

Moeen Ali applied the choke in the PowerPlay and later Sunil Narine (4-0-13-3) and Varun Chakaravarthy (4-0-22-2) further tightened the screws in the middle phase, scalping five wickets between them.

In what has become a recurring theme for the five-time champion this season, the batters looked clueless, scoring just eight boundaries and a six while playing out a staggering 61 dot balls.

In the sixth over, Vijay Shankar infused some life into the innings, hitting consecutive boundaries off Varun as Super Kings meandered to 31 for two.

The Tamil Nadu batter then slog-swept Moeen over midwicket for the only six of the innings but perished trying to do the same against Varun. From there on, it was a procession of wickets and the Men in Yellow were restricted to their lowest total at Chepauk. The ineptness of the batters came to the fore when the home team failed to score a boundary between overs nine and 18.

In reply, Quinton de Kock and Narine (44) made it look like they were batting on a different pitch, tonking five sixes in the first four overs, pulling pacers and spinners alike with disdain.

And when Narine and skipper Ajinkya Rahane plundered 18 off Khaleel Ahmed to take their team to 71 for one in the PowerPlay, it exposed the stark contrast between the two outfits.

The result: CSK slumped to its fifth straight defeat, and the third in a row at home, for the first time in its history.

Next assignment

CSK: April 14 vs LSG
Lucknow, 7.30 p.m.

KKR: April 15 vs PBKS
New Chandigarh, 7.30 p.m.

Sunrisers aim for turnaround as they meet in-form Kings

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

A campaign that started with Sunrisers Hyderabad being a title favourite has taken a dramatic turn, with the battered and bruised team now looking at ever-decreasing odds of sealing a playoffs spot.

As head coach Daniel Vettori lamented after the defeat to Gujarat Titans, nothing has clicked for SRH, the side coming up short in all three departments.

A six-day break since that loss would have given Sunrisers time to rethink strategy and combinations, and be more alive to the challenges of the pitch potentially becoming slow in phases.

Flying high

Punjab Kings, on the other hand, is flying high with three wins and just one defeat. It has won all of its matches on the road and will head confidently into Saturday's IPL clash with SRH at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, which isn't an intimidating place for visiting teams anymore.

While Shreyas Iyer has scored his 168 runs at an astounding strike-rate of 200, all eyes will be on young opener Priyansh Arya after he smashed the fastest century (42-ball 103 vs Chennai Super Kings) by an uncapped player in IPL history. Should Kings earn the right to set a target, they can take the fight to the home side in their trademark explosive way, with a comparatively better bowling attack giving them an edge.

Though Hyderabad has seen some rain this week, Sunrisers will be looking for a few drops of good fortune to turn things around.

Time to recharge: Head will look for a big knock after modest returns so far. K.V.S. GIRI

Today's matches

LSG vs GT	SRH vs PBKS
Lucknow, 3.30 p.m.	Hyderabad, 7.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD	HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 5	Played: 23
LSG 1 | GT 4	SRH 16 | PBKS 7
PREVIOUS MEETING	PREVIOUS MEETING
LSG won by **33 runs**, 2024	SRH won by **four wickets**, 2024

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We will have a chat with the curator, says RCB's Karthik

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bengaluru batting coach Dinesh Karthik hinted that the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch has not delivered what the team management desires.

Karthik's explanation came after RCB succumbed to a second straight home defeat on Thursday.

The host batted first against Delhi Capitals on a sticky wicket, and finished on a sub-par 163 for seven.

In the first outing here, against Gujarat Titans, RCB similarly struggled and made 169 for eight. On both occasions, the chasing side had an easier time of it.

Asked in the post-match press conference if RCB would have preferred to have batting-friendly conditions, as seen at this venue in seasons past, Karthik said: "The way T20 cricket is, the more runs there are, the better it is for the broadcaster and fans. They all like to see boundaries."

Asked for good pitches

"In the first two games, we asked for good pitches. But it's turned out this way where it's been challenging to bat on for sure. So, we try and do the best with whatever we get," Karthik added.

When asked if the RCB think-tank will follow up with the curator, Karthik replied: "We will obviously have a chat with him, and we trust him to do his job".

Silence to song, Rahul serenades Bengaluru with a masterpiece

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

K.L. Rahul's exuberant celebration on Thursday, inspired by a scene from Kannada superhit movie *Kantara*, revealed what the knock meant to him.

Rahul's unbeaten 93 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru was special for many reasons.

For starters, the chase masterclass came in his home ground, the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. "*Mera ground hai ye* (This is my ground)," a pleased Rahul told Delhi Capitals captain Axar Patel.

The Karnataka cricketer took on immense pressure with ease, bailing DC out of trouble and to a famous win.

Save for a tough chance put down by Rajat Patidar when Rahul was on five, it was an unblemished essay.

Rahul. K. MURALI KUMAR

With Tristan Stubbs dropping anchor, Rahul took it upon himself to accelerate when the required rate climbed.

In some ways, Rahul's exploits were a reminder of what RCB missed. Rahul could have well turned out in the red and yellow jersey this season had RCB aggressively pursued his services in the 2025 IPL auction.

RCB batting coach Dinesh Karthik put on a brave face when asked if his team would have liked to have Rahul in their side. "In every game, there's going to be some player who is going to do well. We can't keep missing everyone who does well against us. But if you watch the auction, we did go for Rahul," Karthik said.

The 32-year-old Rahul can undoubtedly walk into the eleven of any team. Perhaps the most versatile Indian batter, Rahul has excelled as an opener and at number four. This flexibility has given DC the chance to tinker with the team composition without fear.

Rahul's stock as a T20 cricketer is through the roof, and DC is set to profit.

Top-heavy Super Giants run into formidable Titans

Sahil Mathur
LUCKNOW

Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants are over-reliant on their respective top-orders - one by design while the other is forced. When the two teams meet here at the Ekana Cricket Stadium on Saturday, the result could be decided by which of top order outscores the other.

The two teams follow contrasting approaches: Super Giants has built a side with known big hitters, and Titans have put together three accumulators, at the top of which at least one is required to bat to the end.

LSG has struck gold with Mitchell Marsh and Nicholas Pooran, the tournament's leading run-scorer, batting in the top three alongside Aiden Markram, who is slowly finding his groove.

Marsh has displayed his range of shots, muscling anything short or in his range, while the West Indian has been equally good on both sides of the pitch.

The Titans will rely on Mohammed Siraj's inswingers to keep Marsh quiet in the PowerPlay and could later turn to Prasidh Krishna's off-cutters and pace-off deliveries to counter Pooran.

Marsh and Pooran's wickets could expose Lucknow's misfiring middle order, including an out-of-colour Rishabh Pant.

Gujarat makes up a formidable top three, with young Sai Sudharsan taking responsibility alongside Shubman Gill and Jos Buttler. However, the similarity in their approach to batting renders the innings one-dimensional.

If the Titans suffer a top-order collapse, an unsettled middle order – featuring Shahrukh Khan, Sherfane Rutherford, and Rahul Tewatia – will be required to do the heavy lifting.

Powerhouse: Marsh will be looking to continue his big-hitting ways. SANDEEP SAXENA

INBRIEF

East Bengal dethrones Odisha to clinch maiden IWL title

East Bengal won the Indian Women's League with a 1-0 victory over defending champion Odisha FC at Kalyani (West Bengal) on Friday. Soumya Guguloth scored the all-important goal in the 67th minute. In its third season in the top flight, East Bengal sealed the title with a game in hand. Its final match will be against Gokulam on April 18, a day it will be officially crowned champion. The last time the Kolkata giant won was in the National Football League – the predecessor of I-League – when the men's team lifted the trophy in the 2003-04 season.

Kapila-Crasto pair loses in Badminton Asia C'ships

The Indian mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto lost 22-20, 21-13 to Hong Kong's fifth-seeded duo of Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Championships in Ningbo, China, on Friday.

Former Dutch and Real coach Beenhakker passes away

Leo Beenhakker, the Dutch football coach who led two national teams at World Cups and won three league titles with Real Madrid, has died. He was 82. He coached Ajax in the 1970s, '80s and '90s – winning two Dutch league titles, and a third with its fierce rival Feyenoord – and three straight LaLiga titles with Madrid from 1987 to '89. Beenhakker also had two spells with the Dutch national team, briefly in 1985 then taking the gifted European champions to the 1990 World Cup.

India beats Pakistan in WJT under-14 tennis

India beat Pakistan 3-0 in its last league match of the Asia-Oceania World Junior Tennis under-14 boys' championship in Kuching, Malaysia, on Friday. Since India had earlier lost its matches against Korea and Australia, it failed to make the quarterfinals. India will play Singapore in the positional play-off match for the ninth to 16th places. Korea, China, Thailand, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Kazakhstan, Australia and Hong Kong qualified for the quarterfinals.

The results (league): India bt Pakistan 3-0 (Kaustubh Singh bt Rashid Ali 6-0, 6-3; Paranjay Siwach bt Shayan Muhammad 6-3, 6-2; Viraj Choudhary & Kaustubh bt Rashid & Razik Sultan 6-2, 6-3).

Salah signs new two-year deal with Liverpool

Mohamed Salah ended months of speculation over his future by signing a new two-year contract with Premier League leader Liverpool on Friday. Salah could have left the club for free at the end of the season had he not extended his stay at Anfield. The 32-year-old has scored 243 goals in 394 appearances for the Reds since joining from Roma in 2017, making him the club's third highest goalscorer of all time.

Child makes Portugal debut at 64, proves age is no barrier

Joanna Child made history by making her debut for the Portugal's women's cricket team at 64, proving that age is no barrier. Child, who represented her country in a T20I against Norway, became the second-oldest player after Gibraltar's Sally Barton (66). Portugal won the series 2-1.

LIVE TELECAST

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Formula One: Bahrain GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 9.30 p.m.

Resolute Bengaluru has the arsenal to spoil Bagan's party

Zaragoza's team will want to step it up against Molina's men, who have remained unbeaten at home; BFC will also be keen on avenging its loss against MBSG in the 2022-23 season summit clash

ISL FINAL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

A resurgent Bengaluru FC stands in the way of Mohun Bagan Super Giant's attempt to complete the Indian Super League grand double by adding the Cup to the League Shield which it annexed earlier in the season.

The final of the 11th edition comes to the Salt Lake Stadium by virtue of Bagan's outstanding performance in the league stage.

Replicate form

The host will try to replicate that form in the summit clash on Saturday.

The match will test Bagan's dominance as BFC visits with the resolve of regaining the title it had won only once in the 2018-19 season. The visitor has shown its class in the playoffs, convincingly outplaying previous champions Mumbai City FC and FC Goa.

Attack-oriented

BFC's performance has been highlighted by an attack-oriented approach which has been carried out really well through a midfield diamond formation implemented by head coach Gerard Zaragoza.

All to play for: Skippers Bose and Gurpreet will hope for an inspired performance in the finale. DEBASISH BHADURI

The visitor will also want to avenge its loss (on penalties) against the same opponent in the 2022-23 campaign final.

The Bengaluru outfit's innovative approach will definitely pose a challenge to the tactical efficiency of the MBSG head coach Jose Molina, who has infused a nice balance in attack and defence while securing a record 18 wins for his side.

Bagan, under Molina, has also remained unbeaten at home (winning 12 out of 13 matches).

With a capacity crowd of over 60,000 rooting for its victory, it will be interesting to see how Bagan utilises the home advantage against a determined BFC looking to regain the glory.

Sharpening skills: Bengaluru FC players get ready for the title match. DEBASISH BHADURI

It is time for us to go for an ISL double: MBSG coach Molina

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant head coach Jose Molina looked at his team's League Shield triumph as a major motivation to win the Cup and complete the ISL double crown, which has been done only once (Mumbai City FC in 2021-22).

"It is time for us now to go for an ISL double, which will be the first time in Mohun Bagan history. This is the greatest motivation for us. We are up against a really good team like Bengaluru FC. We have our plans which we want to show through our performance on the field," Molina said.

BFC head coach Gerard Zaragoza referred to the emotions of the fans, who have been waiting for long to see the team regaining the title.

"We play football for the people who come to see us play, putting behind their personal problems. Many of them cannot even afford to buy a match ticket, they use every means to come to the stadium to support us. These people deserve good football and we are going to give that".

Norris clocks best time as youngsters get a chance

BAHRAIN GP

Reuters
SAKHIR

Formula One leader Lando Norris put McLaren top of the Bahrain Grand Prix practice timesheets on Friday in an otherwise unrepresentative first session packed with young drivers gaining experience.

The Briton lapped the Sakhir circuit with a best time of one minute 33.204 seconds, 0.238 faster than Alpine's Pierre Gasly with Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton third after a run on the soft tyres. Red Bull's Max Verstappen, Norris's closest championship rival, sat out the session in the 35-degree afternoon heat as the team gave young Japanese driver Ayumu Iwasa time in the car.

Alesi ready to put money on Verstappen taking the drivers' title

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Former F1 driver Jean Alesi backed Red Bull driver Max Verstappen for the drivers' title even though the McLarens appear to have the faster car.

"If I have to put the money on a driver, it will be Max. It's very close, but given what we saw last weekend with Max's drive, I will put the money on him," said Alesi during a media interaction ahead of the Bahrain GP this weekend.

"I was extremely impressed by his drive, not only during the race, but also the qualifying lap he did. During the race, he managed to keep a distance between the cars behind, not to be in a position to be overtaken by the two McLarens who were on paper a bit faster than him."

Punting on Max: Alesi is impressed by Verstappen's drive, not only during the race, but also the qualifying lap in Japan. REUTERS

Verstappen is just one point behind championship leader Lando Norris (62) in the standings.

"At this level, we cannot talk about just the cars. When we see the difference between Max and his teammates, it is always extremely big. So, that means he can drive the car on the limit and to make the difference.

"Max has won it many times and knows how to handle the championship. For sure, the McLaren team is very strong because the two drivers are close and doing a good job together. But honestly, Max, at the moment, is the man who makes the difference."

The former Ferrari driver, who won his only race driving for the Scuderia, also backed the Italian team and its new signing, Lewis Hamilton, to fight back after a disappointing start to the season.

"I'm sure the team is putting so much effort into ensuring Lewis is in good condition; maybe that makes some part of the team a bit weak. But we have seen already Lewis winning a sprint race, so they're not so far."

(*FanCode is the official broadcaster for F1 in India*)

India among bidders to host Asian Cup football in 2031

Associated Press
KUALA LUMPUR

India is among seven possible bidders wanting to host the 2031 Asian Cup in men's football, the Asian Football Confederation said on Friday. China was not among them.

The other federations registering interest to enter the contest are Australia, Indonesia, Kuwait, South Korea – which has never hosted the tournament launched in 1956 – United Arab Emirates and a joint project between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The AFC said a decision on hosting the 24-team tournament is scheduled next year at its annual congress.

SNAPSHOTS

IOC approves shooting plan for LA 2028

The number of shooters in the finals for rapid fire pistol and shotgun events have been increased from six to eight, on par with other finals, in the shooting programme approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for the Los Angeles 2028 Games. More importantly, the finals of the 50-metre rifle 3-position events return to the earlier format of "only standing position".
The qualification will remain unchanged with 60 shots in all in the kneeling, prone and standing positions. The mixed skeet team competition gives way to the mixed trap team event.
In the mixed team competitions, all four teams will compete together for the medals, instead of the current practice of having the bronze and gold medal matches separately. These changes will be implemented in the international circuit from January 1, 2026. Shooting will continue to have 340 quota places for the Olympics.

Bopanna-Shelton duo loses

Rohan Bopanna in partnership with Ben Shelton was beaten 6-2, 4-6, [10-7] by wild card entrants Romain Arneodo and Manuel Guinard in the doubles quarterfinals of the €6,128,940 ATP tennis tournament in Monte Carlo, Monaco. The Indo-American pair collected 180 ATP points and €47,810.

Other results: $200,000 Challenger, Mexico: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Miguel Reyes-Varela (Mex) bt Neil Oberleitner (Aut) & Matias Soto (Chi) 3-6, 6-3, [11-9]; Ryan Seggerman & Patrik Trhac (USA) bt Nicolas Barrientos (Col) & Rithvik Bollipalli 6-4, 7-6(5).

Neeru and Lakshay miss mixed trap medal round by one point

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Lakshay Sheoran and Neeru shot a combined score of 142 in mixed trap and missed the chance to fight for a medal by one point in the shooting World Cup that concluded in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The other Indian pair of Pragati Dubey and Prithviraj Tondaiman shot 136 and placed 13th.

Five-way shoot-off

Earlier, in men's trap, Zoravar Singh Sandhu missed the final following a five-way shoot-off for the last spot, after being tied on 119.

Walton Eller of USA beat Zoravar 10-9 to make the cut.

Prithviraj Tondaiman (117) and Lakshay Sheoran (116) had finished 16th and 21st respectively.

In women's trap, Neeru was the best among the Indians, and placed 12th with 115. Pragati Dubey (110) and Bhavya Tripath (106) placed 17th and 26th respectively.

India second

India finished second on the medals table with four gold, two silver and two bronze.

China topped with five gold, three silver and three bronze.

While USA won two gold medals in a total of six, Australia, Hungary, Taiwan and Guatemala were the other countries to win a gold medal each.

Onana howlers help Lyon hold Man United

EUROPA LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Manchester United conceded in stoppage time to draw 2-2 away to Lyon on a bad night for goalkeeper Andre Onana in the first leg of their Europa League quarterfinal on Thursday, while Tottenham Hotspur drew 1-1 with Eintracht Frankfurt.

Thiago Almada's free-kick delivery beat Onana to find the net and put Lyon in front. The visitors were level in first-half stoppage time when French defender Leny Yoro glanced home his first United goal.

It then looked like Ruben Amorim's side would leave with the victory when a delightful Fernandes assist was headed in by substitute Joshua Zirkzee in the 88th minute, but Lyon struck to make it 2-2. Onana failed to hold a Georges Mikautadze shot, allowing Rayan Cherki to poke in the rebound and leave the tie firmly in the balance.

Cherki makes the most of Onana's blunder. GETTY IMAGES

The results (quarterfinals, first leg): Bodo/Glimt 2 (Saltnes 47, 69) bt Lazio 0; Lyon 2 (Almada 26, Cherki 90+5) drew with Manchester United 2 (Yoro 45+5, Zirkzee 88); Rangers 0 drew with Athletic Bilbao 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1 (Porro 26) drew with Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Ekitike 6).